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## How to play

Solve the clues to fill in the white squares, moving across and down so the answers interlock in the grid. Black squares indicate spaces between answers. When the grid is complete, unscramble the letters highlighted in gray to form a word related to the puzzle's theme – use the title and clue at the top of the page as your first hint.

## Helpful hints

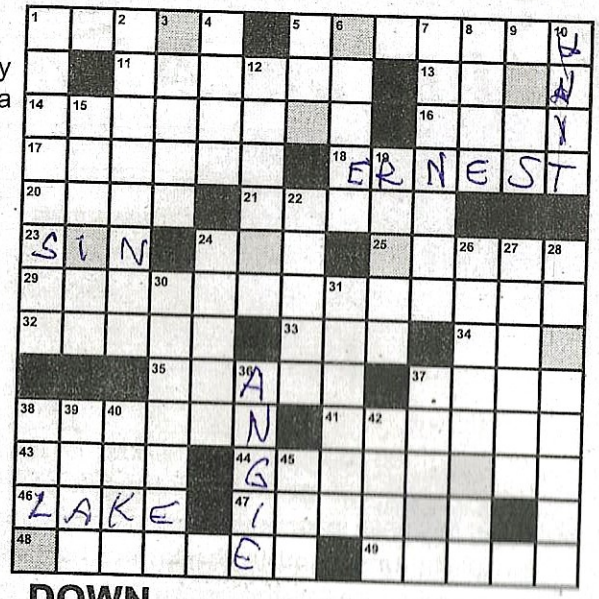
- ✓ No need to solve the clues in order–simply start with the "gimmes" that you can easily answer, wherever they may appear in the puzzle
- ✓ Focus on fill-in-the-blank clues, which tend to be easy to solve
- ✓ See "abbr." in the clue? That means the answer is either an abbreviation or an acronym
- ✓ Look for clues written in the plural form. The answer then must use plurals as well, so you can often (but not always) assume the last square will be an S
- ✓ A question mark at the end of a clue indicates that the solution involves wordplay or some kind of pun

**We hope you will enjoy playing these puzzles as much as we loved creating them and putting them together!**

*—Team Take a Break with Woman's World*

# 1 Lady Minerva

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Triple Crown of Acting winner***



## ACROSS

1 Recipient of many questions, in India
5 Convoluted
11 The first day of August (harvest festival of old)
13 Mumbai melody
14 Slight error or irregularity (var.)
16 Skeptical retort
17 Release
18 Tubb, the Texas Troubadour
20 Crock-pot meal
21 Practiced
23 Early PC game, "___ City"
24 Fire, in Paris
25 Animal with luxurious fur
29 State's lawful and justified private land taking
32 Auto adornment
33 'That's gross!'
34 "Everybody Hurts" band
35 Clearing
37 Venetian chief
38 Heavy shoe
41 Runway models?
43 Erie, for one
44 Quite unripe
46 Letting in some air
47 Hereditary
48 Country bumpkin
49 Chilean money

## DOWN

1 Quickly skied down a slope
2 Relating to a medieval study of transmutation
3 Big-beaked bird
4 Springsteen "___ Fire"
5 Chasing game
6 Deathly pale
7 Certain Pontiac
8 Perform surgery, in a way
9 Crusading knight's chestpiece (var.)
10 Loony in London
12 Coot mistaken for a duck
15 Promptly enough
19 Disperse again
22 Made public
24 Gent
26 Some nobles' domains
27 Feudal superiors
28 Tangles up
30 Complaining killjoys
31 Excavate further
36 Actress Harmon
37 "Inferno" author
38 Dullsville
39 Royal in a Bollywood movie
40 'I'll do it'
42 ___ year
45 Ammo unit (abbr.)

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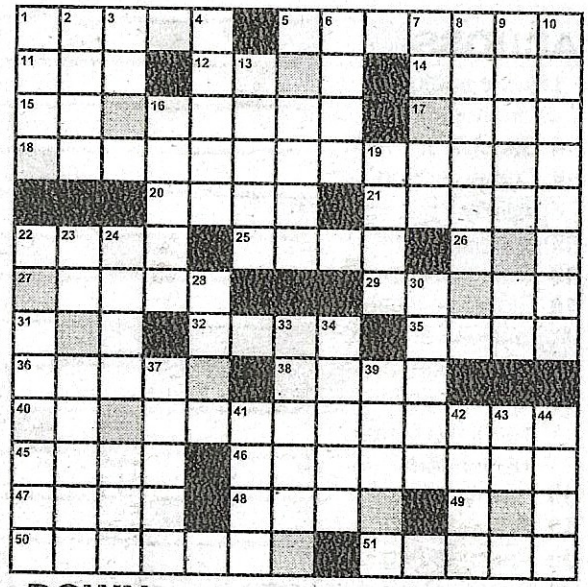
# "Olympia" 2

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***French modernist painter***



## ACROSS

1 Facebook offerings (abbr.)
5 1990s court star
11 "Hinky Dinky Parlay ___?"
12 Holm oak
14 Harvestable
15 Antiquated
17 Bakery appliance
18 Richard Petty and Jimmie Johnson
20 Lunch munchie
21 Upset
22 ___-truths
25 Hook's minion
26 Continent n. of Africa
27 Flying high
29 Gibbs of country music
31 Nutrition stat
32 Right away, in memos
35 On the water
36 Backpack fabric
38 Corn settings
40 Dominance
45 Prefix with valent
46 Seeps, as maple sap
47 Stonehenge builder
48 Total disaster
49 Breakfast cupful
50 The parliament of Israel
51 Litigants

## DOWN

1 Direct-sales beauty brand
2 Drink kept in percolator
3 New England fishes
4 Mandolin's kin
5 Once in a great while
6 Personnel head, at times
7 Determine
8 Metal-pinning workers
9 Hole
10 Sound and smell brain interpreters
13 Greek harps
16 Eat greedily
19 '___ that a lot'
22 Sailor's cookie
23 Town councilors
24 Like money ready to be borrowed
28 Scottish toppers
30 Becomes more endurable
33 Went on a date, perhaps
34 Notable schemer
37 FDR or JFK
39 Paradise-like places
41 Prepare pears
42 Memo to self
43 Prompt giver
44 Volatile airport figs

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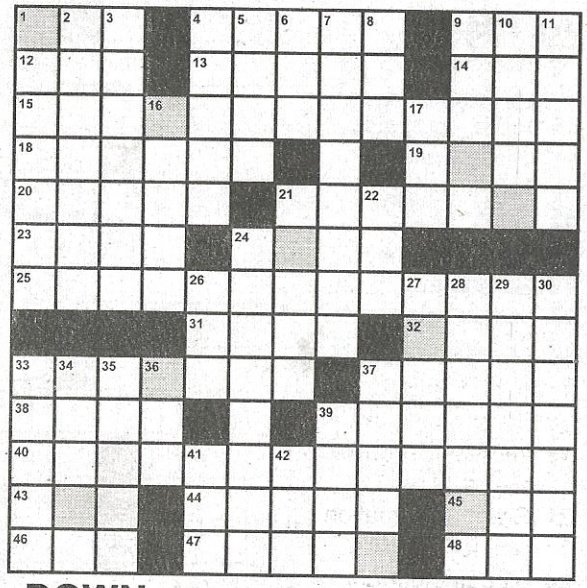
# 3 Heart line

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***certain divination art***



## ACROSS

**1** Army authority, for short
**4** Sanskrit or Hindi
**9** Computer port, initially
**12** Estuary
**13** Civil rights gp
**14** Global political relations after a big change (abbr.)
**15** Euros to dollars swapping prices, for example
**18** Floral parts
**19** 'Arrivederci!'
**20** Rustic writing
**21** Reservoir
**23** Zero
**24** Ode or haiku
**25** Nav. devices flying in space
**31** Dangerous Sweeney
**32** Playpen cry
**33** Keeps motionless (at sea)
**37** Godzilla's home
**38** Novelist Oz
**39** Jog memory of
**40** Kind-natured one
**43** CN Tower prov.
**44** Prepare to propose
**45** Board pick, briefly
**46** Some ER cases
**47** Sexy sleepwear
**48** ___-rock music

## DOWN

**1** Tissue paper creasing
**2** Addled
**3** Fingers and toes
**4** Taken as a whole
**5** Indian breads
**6** Metric weight meas.
**7** Frozen Arctic Sea area
**8** Revival technique, in brief
**9** Render knotless
**10** Take a solemn pledge
**11** Higgs particle
**16** Lecture locales
**17** It may be heroic
**21** Some undergrads
**22** Sizing letters
**24** Product of decay
**26** Cap. of Georgia
**27** Mosque officials
**28** Milk pudding
**29** Former World Chess Champion ___ Lasker
**30** Ballgame site
**33** Hindu title (var.)
**34** Correct, as text
**35** Common winter wear
**36** Tempe sch.
**37** Wobbly sweet
**39** Bewailed
**41** Bway purchase
**42** Bought lunch for

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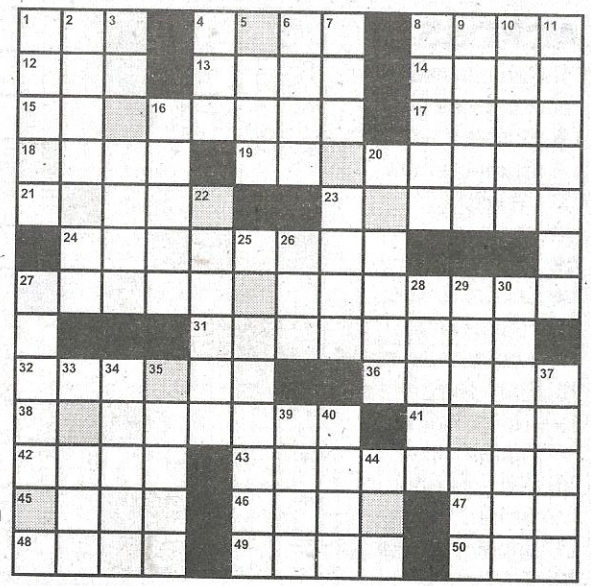
# 4 White smile

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a water moccasin***



## ACROSS

**1** Letter addendum, for short
**4** You need a room to swing it
**8** Cheese genre
**12** Marshall Plan's initialism
**13** Henry of Time
**14** Code collection
**15** Stone Age relics
**17** Auction caution
**18** Carpenter's spike
**19** Impressive movie scene
**21** Great acclamation
**23** Not so friendly
**24** Bleeding control tool
**27** Notable Jurassic theropod
**31** Casino regular
**32** Keep mum
**36** Seek a loan from
**38** Spanish chitchat essential phrase
**41** Winter Olympics sled
**42** Gets more mature
**43** Evening star
**45** Cans, in Bristol
**46** Witness promise
**47** Basketball pioneer Holman
**48** Crooner Williams
**49** Boxer's stats
**50** ___ admin (IT boss)

## DOWN

**1** ___ alla vodka
**2** Moralistic
**3** Plot giveaway
**4** "The Greatest" in the ring
**5** Film versions
**6** Aspirin's target
**7** One may set a precedent
**8** Struggle uselessly
**9** Relieved
**10** Both times
**11** Postulates
**16** Alpaca-like animal
**20** K compound
**22** Prominent part of a chameleon
**25** Photograph
**26** Cruise or Hanks
**27** Keyboard composition
**28** Not worthless
**29** Comes back
**30** First FIFA World Cup winner
**33** Begin a computer session
**34** Change a statute
**35** Like some shaded spots
**37** Insecticide targets
**39** Boatbuilder's lumber
**40** Concerning, on a memo
**44** Acidity measures, informally

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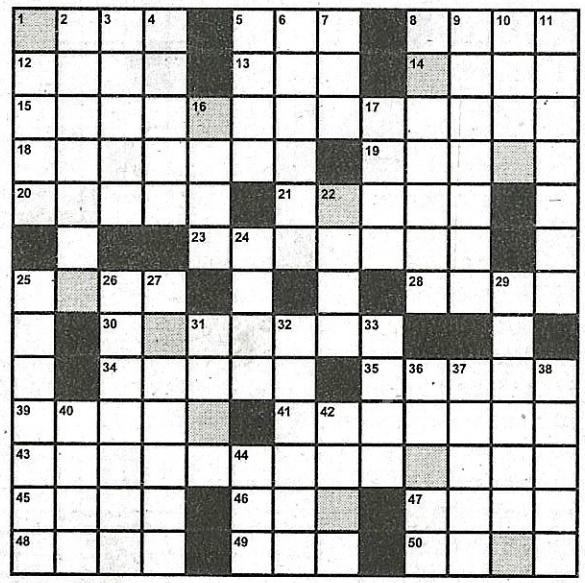
# 5 Paradigm shift

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***status quo alterer***



## ACROSS

**1** Canine holders
**5** And more letters
**8** Clucks disapprovingly
**12** Dealing with an issue
**13** Tank
**14** Ena, to Bambi
**15** Figure with a comma, in math
**18** Scull part
**19** 1990s Toyota model
**20** Disruptive forum visitor
**21** Bacteria in the gut
**23** Symbols of authority
**25** Fare-well link
**28** Small nose ring
**30** Without grease
**34** Air-conditioning coolant
**35** Spirited mounts
**39** Close on stage
**41** Kind of water
**43** Possible reason of having blue eyes
**45** Sales dept. employees
**46** Celebrated Thanksgiving
**47** Nailed, as a test
**48** The majority (of)
**49** End of a drive?
**50** "___ and the Real Girl" (2007 movie)

## DOWN

**1** Unseen Beckett character
**2** Locate with effort
**3** Tiny
**4** Calm
**5** Rescue mission, briefly
**6** Phone user
**7** Pkg. for eggs
**8** Burrito cousins
**9** Stay alive
**10** Word with high or jerk
**11** Fondled
**16** Cast off
**17** '___ closer inspection...'
**22** Scams
**24** Angel costume accessory
**25** Seven-piece puzzle
**26** Action movie features
**27** Dedicated
**29** Relatively polished
**31** Change for a hundred
**32** Bad blood
**33** All there, so to speak
**36** Fit for a king
**37** Asian palm
**38** Iditarod vehicles
**40** Toy block maker
**42** Folksy Burl
**44** Sat. or Sun.

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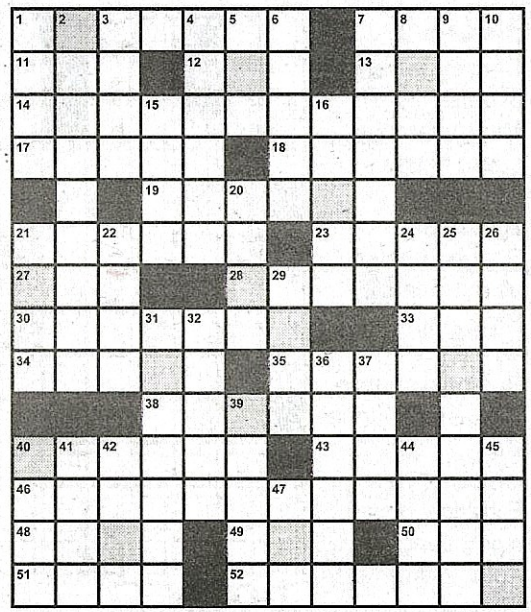
# Stealthy lovebirds 6

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a hush-hush ceremony***



## ACROSS

**1** Mitigate
**7** Thai currency
**11** Hit sketch show since '75
**12** Beachside view
**13** ___-deucy (game with dice)
**14** Winter window air leaks sealer
**17** Trouble incessantly
**18** Pakistan's Punjab province capital
**19** Postgame sulkers
**21** Equates
**23** Shield for Zeus
**27** Bard's nightfall
**28** Coloring
**30** Absolute rule
**33** Gangster's gun, for short
**34** Football-helmet attachment
**35** Mystery prizes
**38** "Merchant of Venice" heroine
**40** Behind the scenes
**43** Bonding agents
**46** Gives a quick look
**48** "Queen Sugar" actor Dorsey
**49** QB protectors
**50** Brew addon?
**51** Lacrosse stick attachments
**52** "The Dance" painter Henri

## DOWN

**1** '___ all see...'
**2** Most indirect
**3** Crate part
**4** Kutcher on screen
**5** Thousand bucks
**6** Baseballer Combs
**7** Hotel kit with towels and soaps
**8** Prefix with phobia or yoga
**9** Next in line?
**10** Prepare an email
**15** Extended account
**16** Food-wrap trademark
**20** Bygone boomers, initially
**21** 'Shall we?' reply
**22** Burl in a tree
**24** Byte beginning
**25** Not caught up
**26** Certain NCOs
**29** Turkish inn
**31** Double-edged swords
**32** Apple pocketfuls
**36** Compendium
**37** Powerful wind
**39** King's domain
**40** Pour ___
**41** Alias, e.g.
**42** Game with trumps
**44** Banjo cousins
**45** Lid bump
**47** Tour for drivers?

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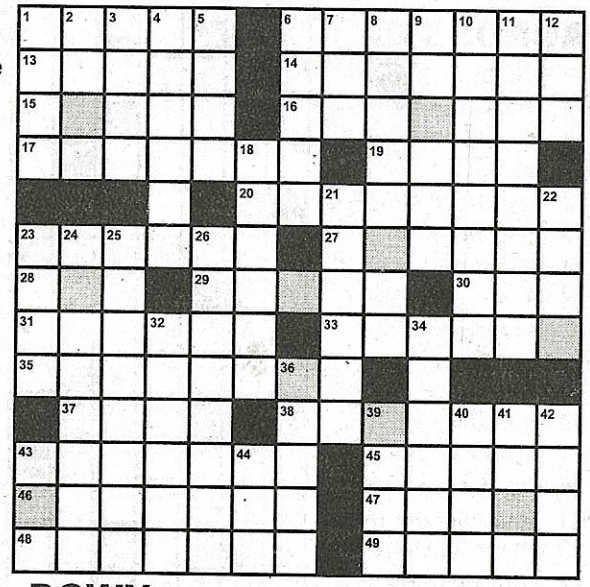
# 7 Delicate flakes

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an expensive French condiment***



## ACROSS

**1** Campaign vehicle of yore
**6** Milan's famous opera house
**13** Radio reply of agreement
**14** Songbird eaten as a delicacy
**15** Propose, as a price
**16** Regional speech
**17** Tentacled marine slug
**19** Indistinct view
**20** Electrical power cutoff thing
**23** Actor Warren of "Bugsy"
**27** Cherry shade
**28** No longer en vogue
**29** Mates for does
**30** 'Try ___ might...'
**31** Spoke from a podium
**33** Showed penitence
**35** Well-mannered
**37** Emmy winner Galifianakis
**38** Falsely adopted
**43** More like a nerd
**45** Palatal pendant
**46** Engage in
**47** Whimsically humorous
**48** Orders
**49** Intuition

## DOWN

**1** Counting method
**2** Abundant
**3** Bravo and Charlie preceder
**4** Fishing shanty
**5** Film director Ephron
**6** Prospectors' finds
**7** Comedian Shaffir
**8** Most sturdy
**9** Haul in
**10** Alaskan islander
**11** Native American sport
**12** Strong insect
**18** Saudi Arabian city
**21** Quarterfinal groups
**22** Tara in the tabloids
**23** Animated Betty
**24** Currency area with Berlin and Rome
**25** Runner of myth
**26** Frodo Baggins' homeland
**32** Admission card
**34** Body of art
**36** Makes green
**39** Soap foam
**40** Elementary particle
**41** Right angles
**42** Broad lowland
**43** Benign bump
**44** Series of ages

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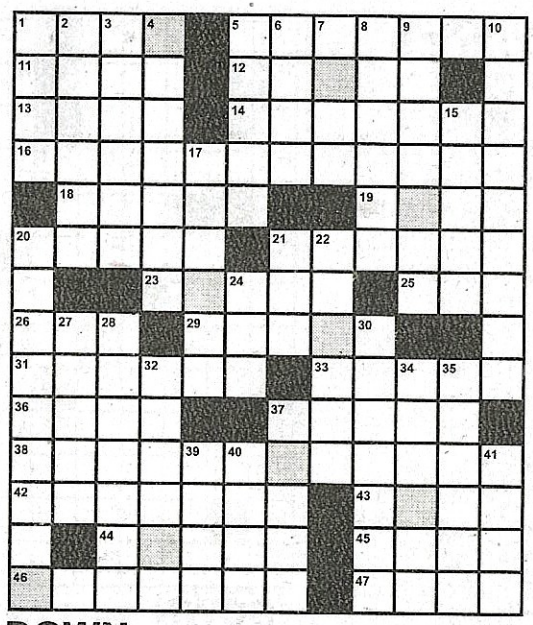
# Bad mom 8

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***2011 Best Supporting Actress nominee***



## ACROSS

**1** High school gala
**5** Oceanfront atmosphere
**11** Old accounts
**12** French alkaline mineral water
**13** Net zine
**14** Flooded
**16** Sweet potatoes pigment
**18** Hood of Sherwood
**19** Shouts in some stadiums
**20** Type of acid
**21** Sushi without the seaweed coating
**23** Captivated by
**25** Machine part
**26** Confidentiality acronym
**29** Knocks flat
**31** Small greasy mechanic's cloth
**33** Agriculture goddess
**36** Alpha ___
**37** Daytona entrant
**38** Stoppage
**42** Activated by wind
**43** ___-European language
**44** Adjective for a gymnast
**45** Legal charge on property
**46** Unhappiness
**47** Internal prefix

## DOWN

**1** One of the common folk
**2** Actor Cesar
**3** Expert talker
**4** Network data transfer unit
**5** Auto selection
**6** Declare confidently
**7** Disney's "___ & Stitch"
**8** North Atlantic wrasse
**9** Virtuous
**10** Overhauls
**15** First month, in Mexico
**17** Summer buzzer
**20** A + B or C - B, in math
**21** Tokyo-based computer giant
**22** Toxic mushroom
**24** Brewery cask
**27** Anchor Sawyer
**28** In summary
**30** Capable of being smoothly cut
**32** Finish catching
**34** Harness
**35** Ate away
**37** Ancient lettering
**39** Graduation, e.g.
**40** Cheering words
**41** Forbidden thing

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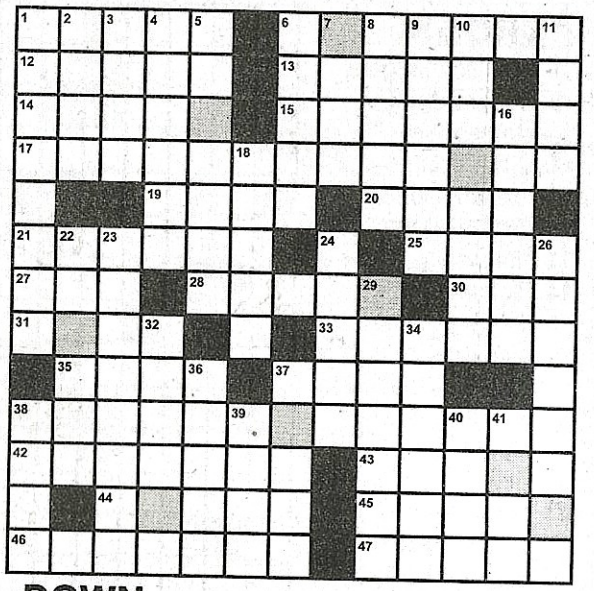
# 9 Hijacked spaceship

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a novel by Ian Fleming***



## ACROSS

**1** Bygone Persian bigwigs
**6** Slight amount
**12** Member of a secret order
**13** Very thin slice
**14** Bush nominee Samuel
**15** Conceited type
**17** Region between France and Ukraine
**19** Elec., e.g.
**20** Certain land
**21** Chilean author Allende
**25** Suffix in lotion names
**27** Viet ___
**28** Condescend (to)
**30** General on a takeout menu
**31** Pharmacist's measure
**33** Exhausted
**35** ___ out (exhibit)
**37** Online telephony letters
**38** First-year student stage
**42** Oblivion-causing
**43** Anaconda, e.g.
**44** Land, in Paris
**45** Far less friendly
**46** Liqueur flavoring source
**47** Is inclined

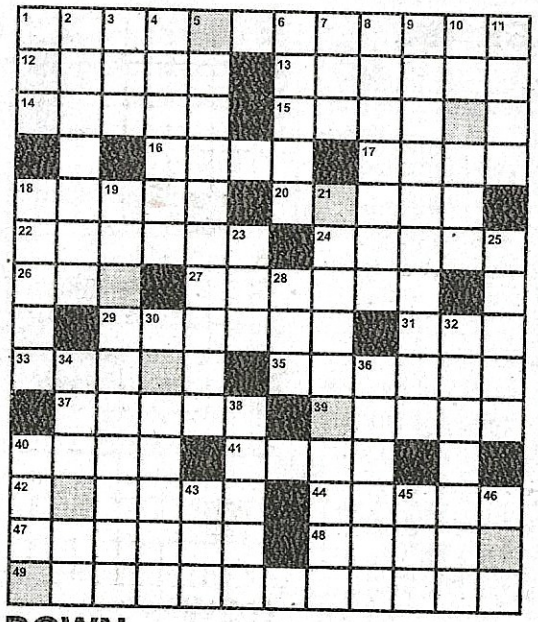
## DOWN

**1** Chomping annoyingly
**2** In good health
**3** Z ___ zebra
**4** Poolside amenity
**5** Expressed derision
**6** Crestless wave
**7** Sorcerer of yore
**8** Run ___ (get into trouble)
**9** Set of four
**10** Rhyming eight-liners
**11** Class drudgery
**16** Like desert vegetation
**18** Became sick
**22** 1964 Nobel Prize decliner
**23** Italian almond biscotti
**24** Encourage, as bad behavior
**26** Miniature plane makers
**29** Does a great job
**32** Dances violently
**34** Shipwrecks expert Edward Lee
**36** 'I finally finished!'
**37** Like windmills
**38** Bloodsucking annoyance
**39** Colt's mother
**40** Futile
**41** Meted out

* *For solutions, see page 115*

# Fragrant planks 10

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a timber with a distinctive scent***



## ACROSS

**1** Coldplay 2002 ballad hit
**12** Evaluator
**13** Unification Church follower, slangily
**14** Persian, today
**15** Hearth bit
**16** Mexico-to-Cuba direccion
**17** Big name in arcade games
**18** Sky surveillance acronym
**20** Figure out
**22** Retreat
**24** Command to a new knight
**26** ___ budget
**27** Dog madness
**29** Letter-shaped orders
**31** Clinch, as a deal
**33** Antiquing agents
**35** Powerful industrialist
**37** A little fishy
**39** Wish to, informally
**40** Jazzy Laine
**41** Offhand turndowns
**42** Japanese word for a team leader
**44** Allen in American history
**47** Excalibur king
**48** One of the muses
**49** Oasis bloomer

## DOWN

**1** Penta- minus bi-
**2** Accomplished with effort
**3** Abbr. at LAX
**4** Five Nations tribe
**5** Wordsearch's relative
**6** Party leader?
**7** '___ did not!'
**8** Monk's haircut
**9** Hesitation
**10** Castle blockades
**11** Disk-capacity prefix
**18** Old Athens shopping hub
**19** Reductions
**21** Impact printing technology
**23** Midwest st.
**25** Verdugo of film
**28** Casino wager
**30** Boulangerie buy
**32** Inborn
**34** In large supply
**36** Family of longtime Cuban leaders
**38** Derisive reaction
**40** Nation south of Libya
**43** Thrown led front?
**45** Speak with a lack of confidence
**46** Confirm-deny separator

* *For solutions, see page 115*

# 11 Power of imagination

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***beloved children's classic***

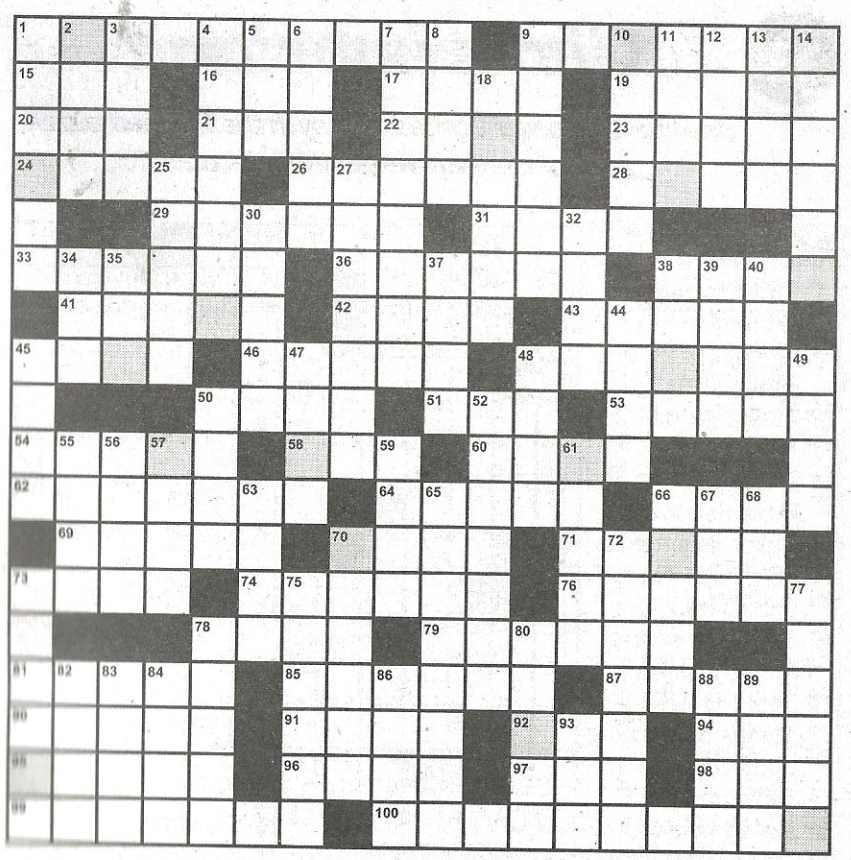
## ACROSS

**1** Iron, nickel and lead, for three
**9** The ___, Jeffrey Lee Pierce's band
**15** Reaction to a repugnant thing
**16** Gold in Granada
**17** Put ___ in (test)
**19** Chicago airport
**20** ER tag
**21** Bobby of the rink
**22** Herbie or Horace
**23** Challenging
**24** Bugs Bunny adversary Fudd
**26** Early online community
**28** Roping show
**29** Discriminatory
**31** 'Why would ___?'
**33** Gets lost in the moment
**36** Calmed
**38** Alphabetic run
**41** Is undecided
**42** EPA's concern, briefly
**43** Ill-fated Houston company
**45** Animated film fish
**46** Arrows' ends
**48** Ostrich cousin's nest contents
**50** ___ happens (live)
**51** Closure
**53** Silent film star Pola
**54** Least bit
**58** Code-breaking govt. group
**60** Epilepsy tests, for short
**62** Knight's mail shirt
**64** Growls at, say
**66** Foreshadow
**69** Spanish American grassland
**70** "De ___ Poetica" (ancient treatise)
**71** Violin stroke
**73** Watkins ___ Grand Prix
**74** Ancient documents
**76** Muslim decrees
**78** Ocean algae used for food
**79** Restricted area in a Roman temple
**81** Devastate
**85** Work with blubber
**87** Palms with starchy piths
**90** Calvin of couture
**91** Enjoy a mystery
**92** Melodic syllables
**94** Add-___
**95** Savannah antelope
**96** Old name in oil
**97** Disc-med link
**98** Dating initials
**99** Copied, old-style
**100** Diplomats

## DOWN

**1** Wets, as grass
**2** Barracks no-show letters
**3** Emulated Michael Phelps
**4** Tying up
**5** Come up with a wrong number
**6** Bagel's shape, geometrically
**7** Powerless person
**8** Jazzy Getz
**9** Tame
**10** ___ Dame, famous cathedral
**11** Train-sound syllable
**12** Praise formally
**13** Compelling desire
**14** Benefit
**18** Four-time Pulitzer dramatist
**25** Harpsichord key material
**27** Nominates
**30** Some convention organizers, in brief
**32** Citation word
**34** Sci-fi's doctor in long-running British series
**35** Paddle stored in a boathouse
**37** Succeed at dieting
**38** Native people of Canada
**39** Rapper Snoop



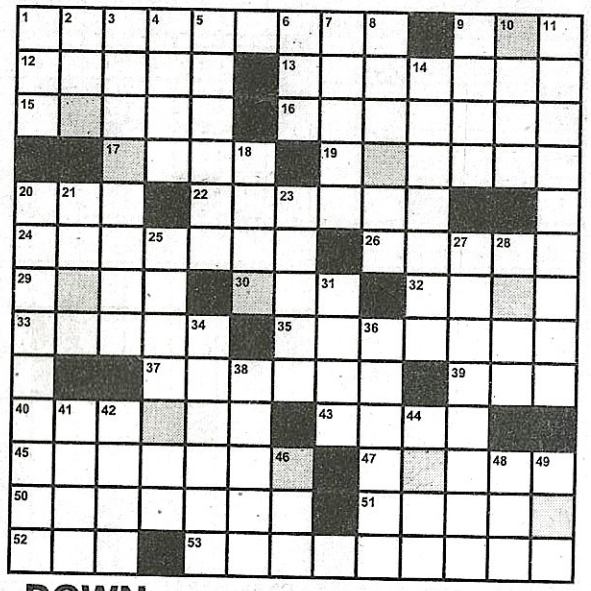


**40** Tesla employee, maybe (abbr.)
**44** Single mothers?
**45** Bit of spice
**47** Barnyard cry
**48** Ideal plot
**49** Pisces, e.g.
**50** Temporary capital of Yemen
**52** Seafaring nymphs
**55** Lecture locale
**56** Make the call
**57** Late Israeli diplomat Abba
**59** Askew
**61** Astronaut attire
**63** Jumper's need
**65** Arbitrarily
**66** 2009 Peace Nobelist
**67** 1960s subculture member
**68** Dolly, e.g.
**70** Granny Smiths, for instance
**72** Old state of north central Europe
**73** Looked stupidly
**75** Dynamite inventor Nobel
**77** Gets smart with
**78** Japanese art of staff fencing
**80** Outcries
**82** That's-need link
**83** Administrative center
**84** Trace of color
**86** Poise
**88** Asian desert
**89** Without a recurrence
**93** Bitty batteries

* For solutions, see page 116

# 12 Chateaubriand

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an expensive cut***



## ACROSS

**1** Small banking ledgers
**9** New project bid inquiry (inits)
**12** Twistable joint
**13** Mean digs
**15** Attach, like a ribbon
**16** Baker, at times
**17** "The Little Things" actor Jared
**19** Tethering straps for hawks
**20** 34th POTUS
**22** Things resembling eggs in shape
**24** Devoured
**26** Poetry contests
**29** Call it a day
**30** Cold War aircraft
**32** Way out
**33** Wants (to)
**35** Malodorous
**37** School break
**39** Took control
**40** Thermal graphics machine
**43** Bit of seasonal merriment
**45** Made obligatory
**47** Entertainer Lenya
**50** Regards highly
**51** 2016 Literature Nobelist Bob
**52** Finger-to-lips sound
**53** Shrinks

## DOWN

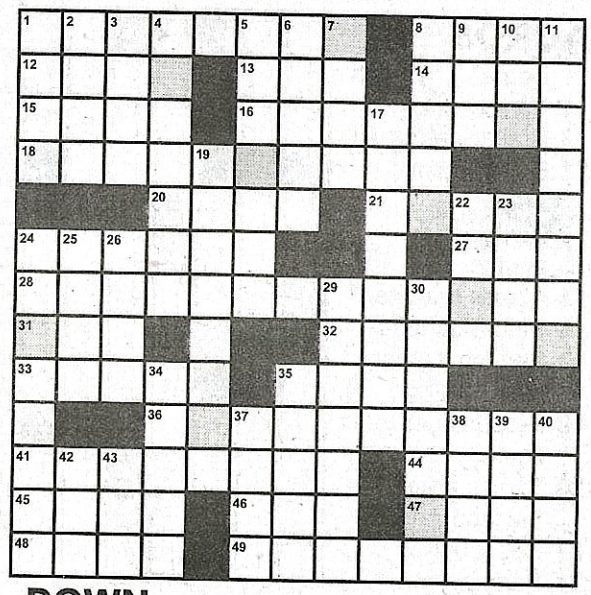
**1** Stroke gently
**2** Crossword bird
**3** He-Man's nemesis
**4** Kind of plum
**5** Determined to do
**6** Fictional TV planet
**7** Chinese-adapted logograms in Japanese
**8** Track horses
**9** Casting needs
**10** Clear out
**11** Endured
**14** Major headaches
**18** Cell with 23 chromosomes
**20** Delineates
**21** Census findings
**23** Posit aloud
**25** Ornate table centerpiece
**27** Aquatic gilled salamanders
**28** Street performer
**31** Word of wonder
**34** Ranked, in tournaments
**36** Tristan's secret love
**38** ___ brûlée
**41** Rock concert pit
**42** Genuine, briefly
**44** Georgetown player
**46** Pres. advisory gp
**48** Inventive initials
**49** Funny duet?

* *For solutions, see page 116*



# Guest speaker 13

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a type of fee***



## ACROSS

**1** Sole, e.g.
**8** 'The rest ___ to you'
**12** Continental currency unit
**13** Mail hub (abbr.)
**14** Fictional explorer Marquez
**15** Engaged in an activity
**16** Baby fed by mom
**18** Change a room's design
**20** Cartoonist Walker
**21** Fire-related crime
**24** Impish girl
**27** 2010's "The Book of ___"
**28** Fumeless locomotive
**31** Like Gen. Clark
**32** Reunion bunch
**33** Frequent splashdown site
**35** Silent-letter bird
**36** Orchestra prop
**41** Queen who backed Columbus
**44** Actress Judith
**45** CIA worry
**46** Magazine thickeners
**47** Click sources
**48** Man ___ (famed racehorse)
**49** Addresses formally

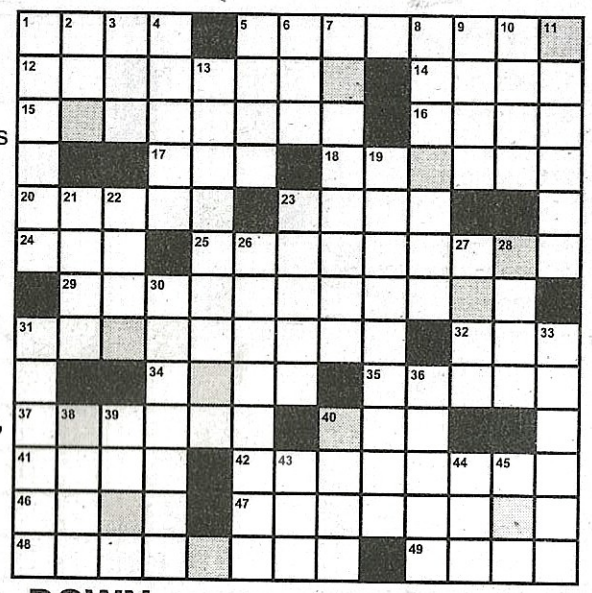
## DOWN

**1** Cold-sweat cause
**2** Long-necked instrument of old
**3** Desperately needing rain
**4** Emblematic
**5** Neglecter
**6** Burst of energy
**7** Dance with a chair, often
**8** Sluggard
**9** '___ gather'
**10** Huge coffee container
**11** Italian violin virtuoso
**17** Alarms
**19** Go on with
**22** Wrinkle
**23** Lena of "Alias"
**24** Apache war cry
**25** Baldwin brother
**26** Apportion
**29** Lifeless form
**30** Kind of error, in programming
**34** Caution shade
**35** Oscar the poet
**37** Large piece (of stone)
**38** Running shoe company
**39** It may be braced
**40** Darkeners, at times
**42** Disseminate
**43** Menu catchphrase

* *For solutions, see page 117*

# 14 Dancing needle

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a satisfied designer's device***



## ACROSS

**1** Dame ___ Dench
**5** Narrow-necked oval ancient vases
**12** Brandy from France
**14** Pledge to do another stint
**15** Across-the-board
**16** Before gamma
**17** Sounds during backrubs
**18** Property deliverer, in law
**20** Banish from the land
**23** Has a bawl
**24** Party person, in headlines
**25** Colorful almond cookies
**29** Citrus fruit
**31** Evergreens of Africa that bear podlike fruits
**32** NFL carriers
**34** Bulldoze
**35** Lifeless
**37** Blue spring flower
**40** Prepare to plant, perhaps
**41** Inviting word
**42** Waterproofs, e.g.
**46** Make ___ with (please)
**47** Calligrapher's tool
**48** Jabberwocky
**49** Command to Rex

## DOWN

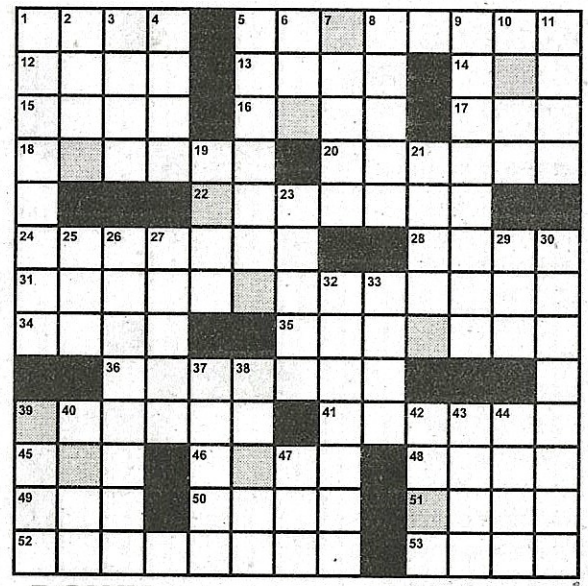
**1** Quipped
**2** Detroit union, for short
**3** Proper charge
**4** Needing no improvement
**5** Airport shuttle operator
**6** Sixty secs
**7** Scoring gadget
**8** Singer Roy
**9** Movie-film holder
**10** Coupe, e.g.
**11** Fifth wheels
**13** Transient
**19** Scruffs
**21** Lucy Lawless TV heroine
**22** Certain cleric
**23** Barley product
**26** Madder lake pigment base
**27** Fearsome storybook figure
**28** Neighbor of Wyo.
**30** Knight's pages
**31** Resident of Florence
**33** Strongly-built
**36** Slithery lizards
**38** Small salmon
**39** Hacker's cry
**40** Lift
**43** FAQ response
**44** Banquet on
**45** Book collector's suffix

* *For solutions, see page 117*



# Anger management 15

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***certain absorber of blows***



## ACROSS

**1** "Snowpiercer" actress Hall
**5** Pigeonholed, in moviedom
**12** Fashion designer Cassini
**13** Owl's remark
**14** Chalked stick
**15** Have on
**16** Sacred Egyptian cross
**17** School basics, facetiously
**18** Hurried writing
**20** Twice as weird
**22** Pestered
**24** Japanese paper art
**28** Latvian capital
**31** Told again briefly
**34** Joint custody parties
**35** Names derived from people
**36** Reluctant to give out information
**39** Former name for the flu
**41** Squatter
**45** Atty. grp
**46** Bill stamp
**48** Fictional whaler
**49** Debit card ID
**50** Diet label word
**51** Proffered
**52** Venerable
**53** Struck dumb

## DOWN

**1** Ground for a bad grade
**2** Util. payment
**3** Next to
**4** City home to the Taj Mahal
**5** Interbrain's largest subdivisions
**6** Farther away, quaintly
**7** Snoops (around)
**8** Merman of Broadway fame
**9** Virulence
**10** Beyond question
**11** Alas., once
**19** Sound of a hit
**21** Showed anew
**23** Positioned
**25** Morgan of comics
**26** Big freezing planet
**27** Fill with fuel
**29** Highly prized item
**30** Clung to the surface, as molecules
**32** Knocked over
**33** Copious supply
**37** Cider source
**38** Point again, as a firearm
**39** Look amazed
**40** Stats for batters
**42** Extended relation
**43** Meltdown
**44** Place for an icicle
**47** Residential ending

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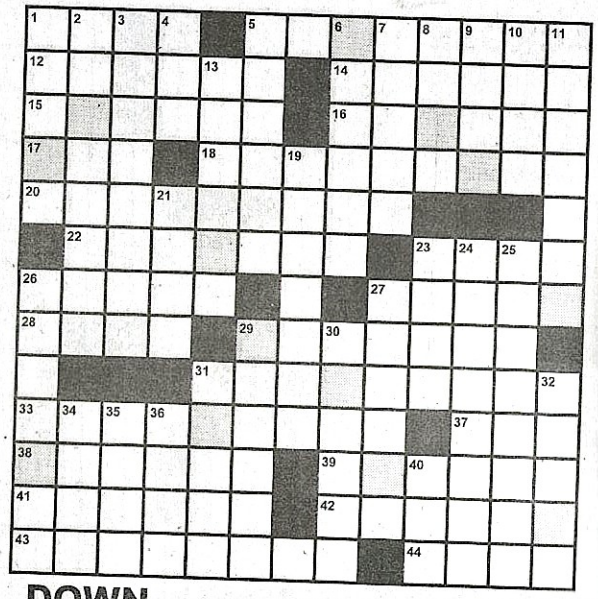
# 16 Rescued paws

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***the best place to find a furry friend***



## ACROSS

**1** Snatch, slangily
**5** Acted evasively
**12** RNA component
**14** Machine-gun from the air
**15** Dissimilar to
**16** Emulsions
**17** 'Tell ___ was dreaming!'
**18** In capitals
**20** State fair structures
**22** Vodka cocktails
**23** Finest possible
**26** Bright signs
**27** Pledge drive gifts
**28** 'It comes ___ surprise...'
**29** Relating to the liver
**31** Area within the tidal range
**33** Where the highest mountains are
**37** Fictional criminal Luthor
**38** Laborer
**39** Greek underworld goddess
**41** Stripped of a hull, as corn
**42** Genus of click beetle
**43** Professional with a killer job
**44** Love or song ending

## DOWN

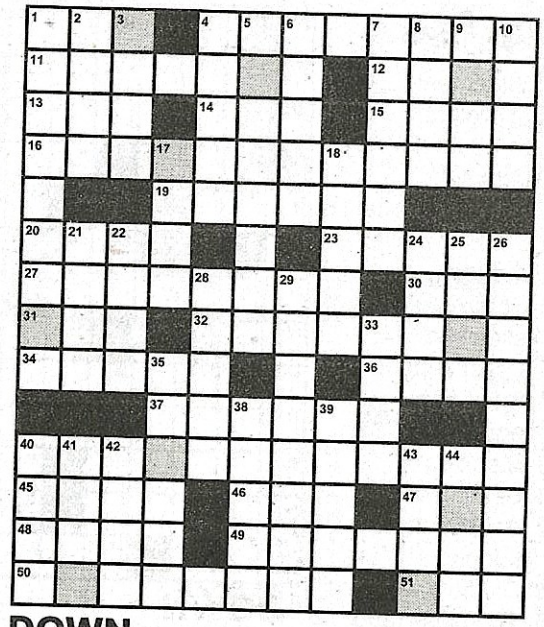
**1** Crotchety one
**2** Ancestry
**3** Limbo
**4** Coy comeback
**5** Highly emotional movie
**6** Trees that tremble
**7** Makeup of the Milky Way
**8** "Troy" star Bana
**9** Actress Turner
**10** Semiaquatic salamanders
**11** Places for oases
**13** Halloween decorations
**19** Clayware
**21** Mae West's "___ Angel"
**23** Either-or alternative
**24** Grow pale
**25** Conceals
**26** Heavy crude oil diluent
**27** Graduation-cap ornament
**29** Stores selfishly
**30** Pheasant family member
**31** Runs from danger
**32** Put to work
**34** Letters of credit
**35** Avoid
**36** Seltzer opener
**40** Half-___ (latte request)

* *For solutions, see page 118*



# Alfred the butler 17

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***crime-ridden metropolis of cinema***



## ACROSS

**1** Like some nos
**4** Finds out about
**11** Teach one ___
**12** Newspaper section, briefly
**13** Fare poorly
**14** Corporal or sergeant, e.g.
**15** Utah skiing destination
**16** Holland native
**19** Of Finno-Ugric languages
**20** Geometric fig.
**23** Sleight-of-hand scam
**27** Apology for interruption
**30** Homemade, casually
**31** Mentally acute
**32** Login requirement
**34** Delaware's capital
**36** ___ out (barely manages)
**37** Hebrew speaker
**40** Noncontinuous set of values
**45** Yodel comeback
**46** Big sandwich in a popular chain
**47** Bridge column datum
**48** Oktoberfest order
**49** Reversi on board
**50** Situations
**51** Archery wood

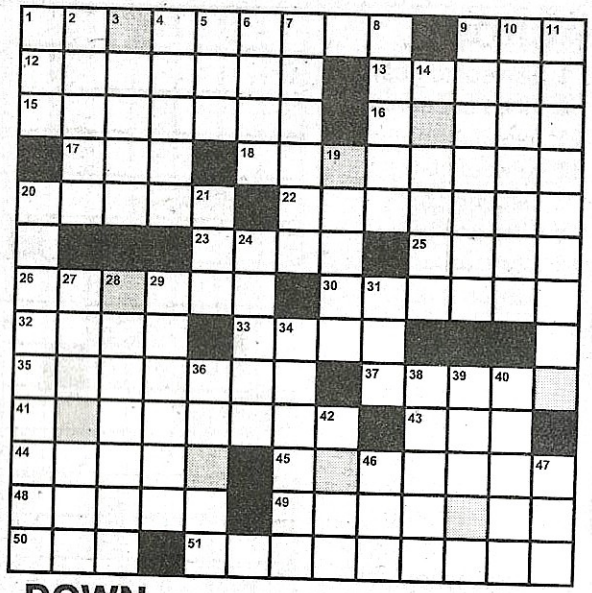
## DOWN

**1** Floury Indian staple
**2** Fashion designer Saab
**3** Money given at Hanukkah
**4** Ed who played Lou Grant
**5** Plato's teacher
**6** Grassy hillock
**7** Spanish dictator
**8** Revealed
**9** Bachelor finale?
**10** Niagara noise
**17** Tutsi mortal enemies
**18** Marksman
**21** World's fair, e.g.
**22** Street recording system letters
**24** Sioux st.
**25** Great healer, so they say
**26** Lid topper
**28** Less skeptical
**29** Ponder
**33** Deficiency
**35** Hired date
**38** Internal notes
**39** Laptop experts
**40** Newbie socialites
**41** Co-star of "SVU"
**42** Jets venue, once
**43** In a deft manner
**44** Glazed square

* *For solutions, see page 119*

# 18 Irresistibly hot

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Carolina Reaper's mild cousins***



## ACROSS

1 Statement of protest
9 Bouquet delivery letters
12 Russian citadel
13 Basket weaver's material
15 Some comedy sketches
16 Ballet support
17 Bit of photog. equipment
18 Slackers
20 Beating device
22 Acupuncturist's supply
23 Did field work
25 Trig class ratio
26 Chunk of poetry
30 Played the horn
32 Prefix meaning blood
33 Ocho ___, Jamaica
35 Unexpected hit
37 Very steep bank
41 Of a pentagonal trapezohedron
43 'Bravo!' to a bullfighter
44 Join the cast of
45 Coercing
48 Loud sound
49 Like candid shots
50 Forensic science initialism
51 Representatives

## DOWN

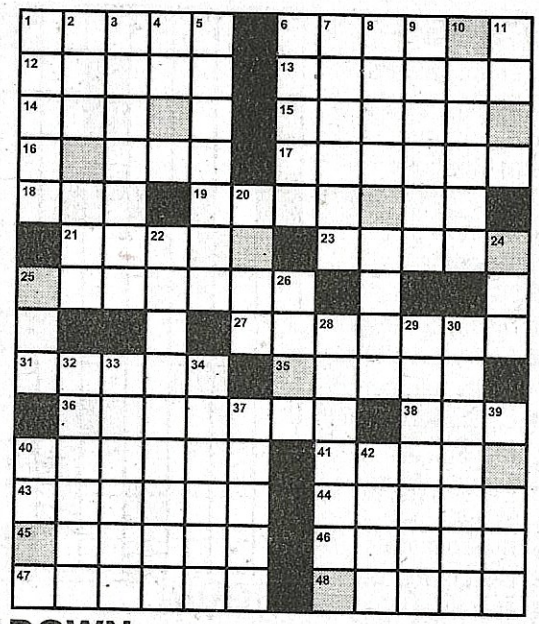
1 Greenlights
2 Offensively bold
3 "Romeo Must Die" martial artist star
4 Mideast-summit attendees
5 Tint (abbr.)
6 Made, as a knot
7 Completely out of touch
8 Courtier
9 Illuminated by a flame
10 Mundane
11 Wore a tux, say
14 Declared
19 Followed logically
20 Bathroom's basin holder
21 Radio-dial abbr.
24 Toiled in a galley
27 Remote business meeting, briefly
28 Intellectual disability
29 Purely mental cognition
31 CIA's forerunner
34 Showing extreme anger
36 Hungered
38 Brown powder
39 Desirable invitees
40 Actress Zellweger
42 Achieved
46 D&D, e.g.
47 Inventory, in brief

* For solutions, see page 119



# Forensic IT 19

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an extraction of valuable information***



## ACROSS

1 Time of the past
6 Historic Spanish fleet
12 Kind of marketing
13 Secular
14 Clamoring
15 Slander
16 Main section of a long poem
17 Tomato swellings
18 Former country TV station
19 Brushes aside
21 Accommodate
23 Freaking out
25 Guy rowing
27 Anti-rust primer pigment
31 Songbird sound
35 Opinions
36 Like all sources in fake news
38 Green machine?
40 Tarot deck grouping
41 Kate's roommate in 1980s series
43 Hostile keyboard warrior
44 Estate papers
45 Exchange for money again
46 Microscopic swimmer (var.)
47 Texas city or a seaport in Ukraine
48 Director Peter

## DOWN

1 Create a law
2 Toothy swimming predator
3 "All in the Family" actor Carroll
4 Gossip, e.g.
5 Courage
6 Many a Comic-Con costume
7 Lacking logic
8 Very unhappy
9 Sharpness
10 Cash in Gambia
11 Cockpit figs
20 Clock part
22 Passwords' companions
24 Scotland Yard div.
25 Mordor monster
26 Alpine snow field
28 Threw out
29 Online coin holder
30 Perennials with flowery plumes
32 Flung
33 As a precaution
34 Contest-judging groups
37 Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
39 Badlands sights
40 Early Michael Jackson hairdo
42 Bean named for a capital

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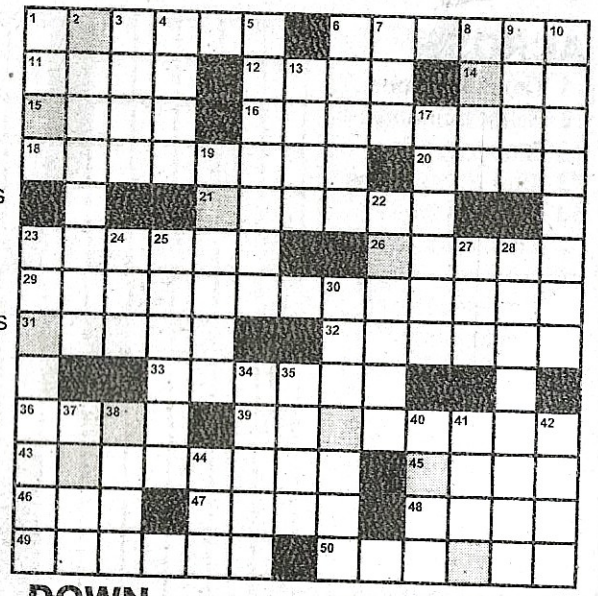
# 20 Crimson smoothie

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a fruit with edible seeds***



## ACROSS

1 Leapt forward
6 Boxing weight
11 ___ Bator, of Mongolia
12 Like many rooters
14 Celine's 'Certainly!'
15 Watch over
16 Meditation experts
18 Archaeologist's jigsaw element
20 Loch of a Scottish monster
21 French White House
23 In servitude
26 Letter after beta
29 Bunch of lobbyers
31 Cinema supplies
32 Crease
33 Beehive State resident
36 "The Iliad" hero
39 Ancient Chinese catapult
43 Crème brûlée baking molds
45 Conservative, in England
46 Star athlete, for short
47 'You never had ___ good!'
48 Concerning, in legalese
49 Walk showily
50 Strolls casually

## DOWN

1 Cesspool
2 Arctic ice cap formation epoch
3 Carry on, verbally
4 Common links
5 Serengeti creature
6 Ties securely
7 High-ranking USN official
8 Muscle firmness
9 Northern seafowl
10 Form badly
13 Incredibly
17 Bandit feature
19 ESPN minority owner
22 Urging, with on
23 Guns
24 Salt Lake tribesman
25 Posh
27 Janitor's tool
28 Bush in nursery rhyme
30 Lintel
34 Peace between nations
35 Scientist Geiger
37 Informal term for coffee
38 Increases, with up
40 Singer Redding
41 Love, in tennis
42 Industrial chemicals
44 Seoul-based automaker

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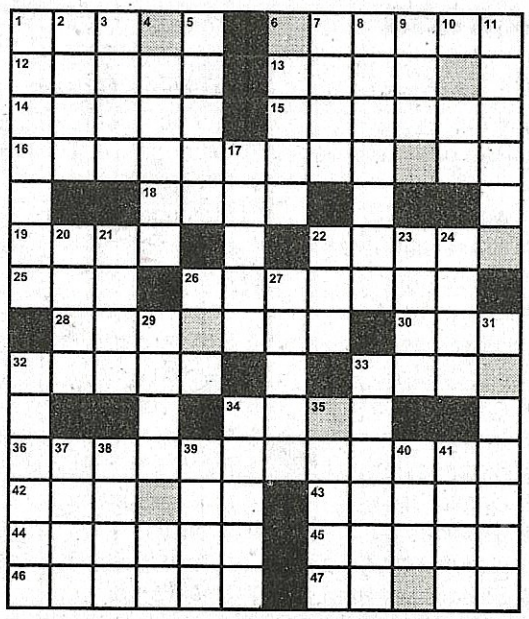
# "Let's Dance" 21

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***British musician with an iconic style***



## ACROSS

1 Color gradation
6 More abundant
12 Stuff to recycle
13 DNA source, often
14 Free bakery advertisement
15 German prison camp
16 Gaining back the ownership
18 Icky creature
19 Baseball stat
22 Amassed, with up
25 Org. for Ons Jabeur
26 Of ancient Mexicans
28 Fabled literary nights
30 Stats on some backs
32 Mediterranean feeder
33 Phrase of insight
34 Chinese gooseberry
36 Benefactor (archaic)
42 Declaim
43 Ham and ___ (average Joe)
44 Pitbull's World Cup song "We ___"
46 Veil material
46 Anise liqueur
47 Cocky look

## DOWN

1 Garden bird
2 British mammal
3 For each, slangily
4 Malevolent beings
5 Expunge, as data
6 Any property
7 Gym floor pads
8 Like some surgery
9 Taylor of "Public Enemies"
10 Ms. Rachel Wood
11 Shabby
17 Bantu ethnic group
20 Industry state
21 Luau root
22 Farm house
23 Plaster base
24 Extremities
26 #16, familiarly
27 Wordlessly implied
29 Digging predatory insect
31 Less drunk
32 Rocky shoreline protection
33 Pellet firer
34 Fouled, in a way
35 Piques
37 At hand
38 Baker's assistant
39 ___ cost (gratis)
40 Gaze amorously
41 Late Brazilian soccer legend

* For solutions, see page 121

# 22 Unexpected bond

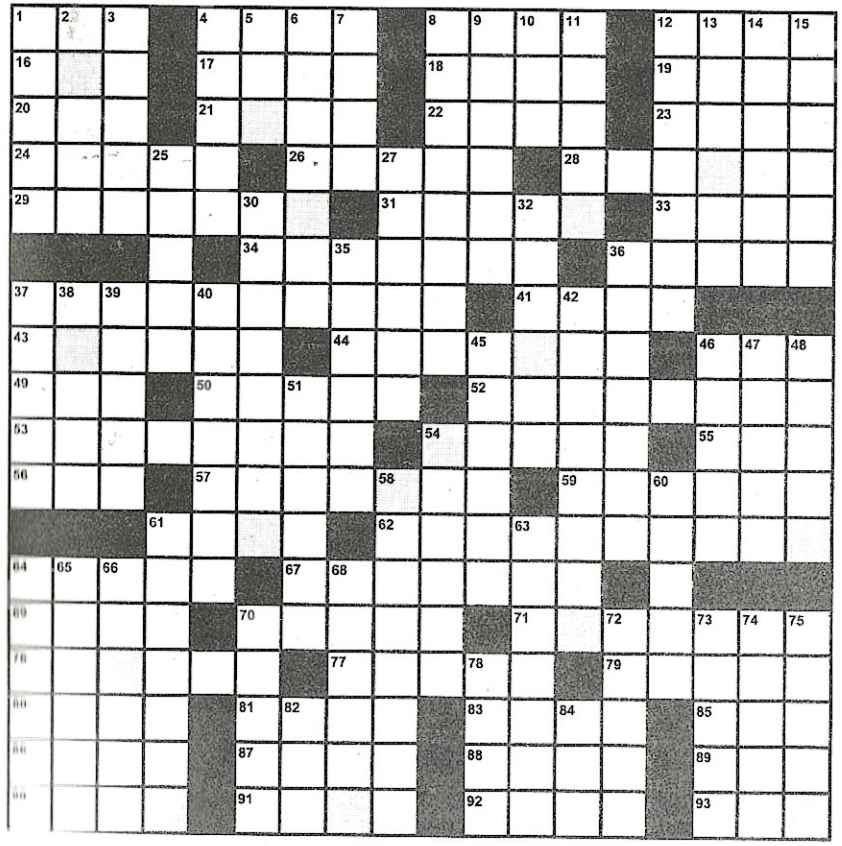
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***B. Beresford's movie that won four Oscars***

## ACROSS

**1** Withheld
**4** Give up, as rights
**8** 'Peek-___!'
**12** Part of a bar order
**16** Groom's last words
**17** Greet with acclaim
**18** Poet's foot
**19** One form of neurodiversity
**20** Showbiz job
**21** Ancient Irish
**22** Wrath
**23** Bird in a cornfield
**24** Domiciles
**26** Cremona violinmaker
**28** Bilingual woman, perhaps
**29** Man cave fixture
**31** Turtle Pagoda locale
**33** Exhibition
**34** Black Dragon teas
**36** Ignoramus
**37** Basket-making
**41** "The Valley of Horses" novelist
**43** Short show, often
**44** Hands out
**46** Common intensifier
**49** Commonly, in verse
**50** Smooth in style
**52** Coming into dock
**53** Kind of sugar
**54** Money hoarder
**55** Brooks or Gibson
**56** Sweden's flagship carrier
**57** Victorians, e.g.
**59** Epoch when mammals began
**61** Being (Lat.)
**62** Balances with unequal arms
**64** Not sanitary
**67** Munich road
**69** Fit to conclusion
**70** Norm
**71** Rack with music albums, briefly
**76** Stone of "Basic Instinct"
**77** Electric-car company
**79** Beauty mogul Lauder
**80** Java Sea island
**81** Hero to many
**83** Quick drive
**85** Flickable lighter
**86** Without ___
**87** Hatcher or Garr
**88** Dynamic prefix
**89** Turkish VIP
**90** English singer Halliwell
**91** Sign of disrespect
**92** Leader executed by the Bolsheviks
**93** Old-fashioned possessive

## DOWN

**1** Weather forecast data
**2** Challenge for an interpreter
**3** Code of beliefs accepted without question
**4** Box buried on a beach, maybe
**5** Ability to distinguish pitch
**6** Claim no knowledge of
**7** Periodic table entry, for short
**8** Breathing gas cylinders
**9** Trying to explain something to a sheep
**10** Amazed initials
**11** Symbols used in old manuscripts
**12** Discreet
**13** Director Lyne
**14** Of speech sounds
**15** Pop-up source
**25** "Living Single" actress Alexander
**27** 'My kingdom for___!'
**30** Painfully intricate
**32** Onetime Missouri tribe
**35** Bakery output
**36** Completely ruin
**37** Canine greetings

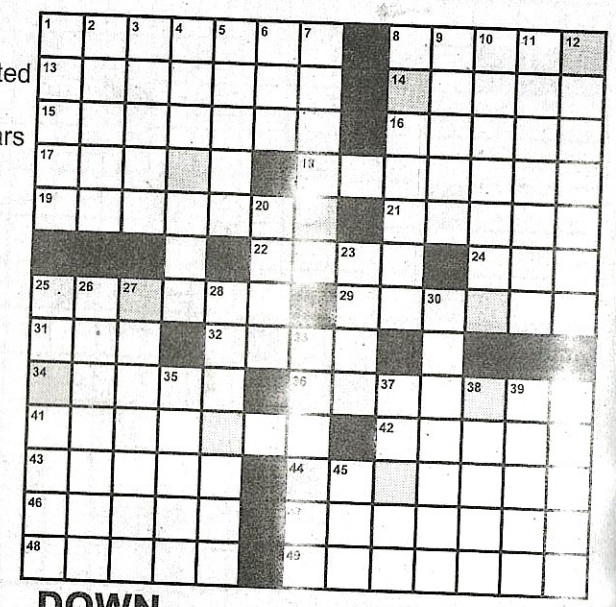


**38** Below, in combinations
**39** Star constellation or a whale
**40** Jubilation
**42** Spooked out
**45** Shore birds with long bills
**46** Game official
**47** Bandleader, composer (angly)
**48** Bad [illegible] out [illegible]ively
**51** [illegible] the worth [illegible]ality of
**53** [illegible] conductors
**58** [illegible] assembly
**60** Movie-credits listings
**61** Some academic retirees
**63** Breaks out
**64** Long-winded person
**65** Flammable compound
**66** Less of an illusion
**68** Lesson givers
**70** Single undivided wholes
**72** Gent from Argentina
**73** Plate appearance, in baseball
**74** Stable utterance
**75** Dental damage
**78** Exam for a future judge, in brief
**82** Anti-smuggling government agcy
**84** "Embraceable You" lyricist Gershwin

* For solutions, see page 121

# 23 Shared island

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***overseas part of the Netherlands***



## ACROSS

1 Like a well-toasted bread
8 Line at the Oscars
13 Send elsewhere
14 Not suitable
15 Kerry's 2004 running mate
16 "The Prince of Tides" actor
17 Regarding
18 Exposed to the elements
19 Dangling
21 French word of appreciation
22 Move like slime
24 Suffix with torrent
25 Brass resembling gold
29 Breathe in
31 ___-con
32 Intro to many words?
34 Marketing pro
36 Eye remedy usual dose
41 Roast
42 "___ Almighty" (Carrey movie)
43 Hold to the fire
44 Buy for, as dinner
46 Info from a spy drone, e.g.
47 Like some jugs
48 Company bought by Kmart
49 Cannot stand

## DOWN

1 Crawl forward noiselessly
2 Change color, again
3 Late "Crocodile Hunter" Steve
4 Good-for-nothing
5 Empty
6 Airline guess, for short
7 1950s Firedome
8 Utility workers
9 All-___ printer
10 Quinine's target
11 Kind of mouse
12 Incapable of reproducing
20 Parsing choice
23 Basketball star Williamson
25 Jackie Kennedy's husband Aristotle
26 Alcoholic drink
27 Motion-gained forces
28 Door toppers
30 Moisturize
33 Classified
35 Horatio of fiction
37 Owner of a famous thumb
38 Babe and others
39 Expensive wedding band
40 Underlings
45 "Awkward Black Girl" actress Issa

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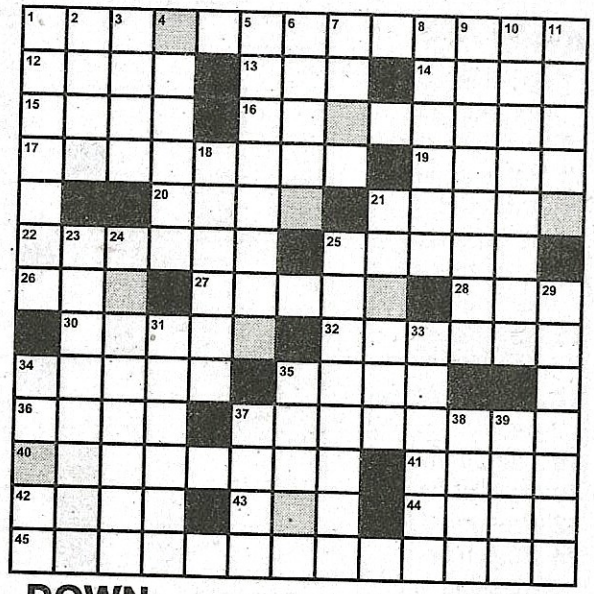
# Unheeded warning 24

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Greek prophetess of doom***



## ACROSS

1 State of being a heir to the throne
12 "Only Time" artist
13 Scoreboard abbr.
14 Whiten
15 BlackBerries, for short
16 Ready to be let, as a car fleet
17 Stress pattern, in speech
19 Author Roald
20 Small lice
21 Diner pages
22 Snarl
25 Cable ___
26 Clean air agcy
27 Like ancient Peru
28 Linear measure
30 Sticking out
32 Zimbabwe's capital
34 Pool rebound
35 Gait
36 ___ health
37 Longtime emperor of Japan
40 Intercellular fibers networks
41 'What ___ commentary'
42 Bad spot for a nail
43 Grandmother, in British slang
44 Equine patriarch
45 Classic combat video game

## DOWN

1 Of organ's dividing wall
2 CTRL-Z on PC
3 Primary color in photography
4 Outer protective covering
5 Hair problem
6 Keeps in the manuscript
7 Anthem opening
8 Dug up
9 Sultry Cuban dance
10 Crossness, as a mood
11 Some chemical treatments
18 Minute hair-like organelle
21 Mediterranean principality
23 Ostensible
24 Commentator
25 Indian princess
29 Certain cracker
31 Egg stone
33 Unoriginal piece
34 Champagne-bottle seals
35 Highly-spiced Eastern rice dish
37 Rural event on horseback
38 'Oh, really?'
39 Empty container weight

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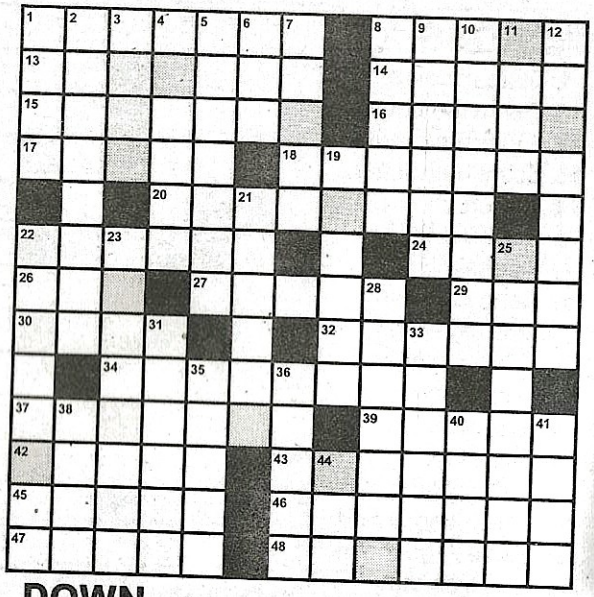
# 25 Raisin swirls

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a Copenhagen's bakery offering***



## ACROSS

**1** Belief in souls in non-humans
**8** Lumbers along
**13** Rates again
**14** Amassed, as expenses
**15** Person from Kampala
**16** Neighbor of an Emirati
**17** Pastoral African people
**18** Thoroughwort
**20** Most unrefined
**22** Presumed facts
**24** Scotch or masking, e.g.
**26** What a retrovirus contains, initially
**27** Showed amazement
**29** Angela Merkel's language, briefly
**30** Cultural opening
**32** Wood borers
**34** Fundamental
**37** Catch food on a frozen lake
**39** Physical work
**42** Amount payable
**43** US state, home to the Grand Canyon
**45** Swiftly
**46** Memo tablet
**47** Cures, in a way
**48** Immeasurable chasms

## DOWN

**1** Lily variety
**2** Contradicting
**3** Some savings, for short
**4** Direct
**5** Movie adventurer Jones
**6** Reggae relative
**7** 24-hour news service letters
**8** Accident-___
**9** Like the worst excuse
**10** In front of an audience
**11** Sandhill
**12** Ill-mannered saliva releasers
**19** Cry of dismay
**21** Conventions
**22** Extreme seriousness
**23** One-grape wine
**25** Bunch of characters
**28** Two-sidedness
**31** Genuinely
**33** Finishes some doughnuts
**35** Slabs of clay
**36** Country in West Africa
**38** Spanish trophy
**40** Dances to classic jazz
**41** X-ray doses
**44** Steal

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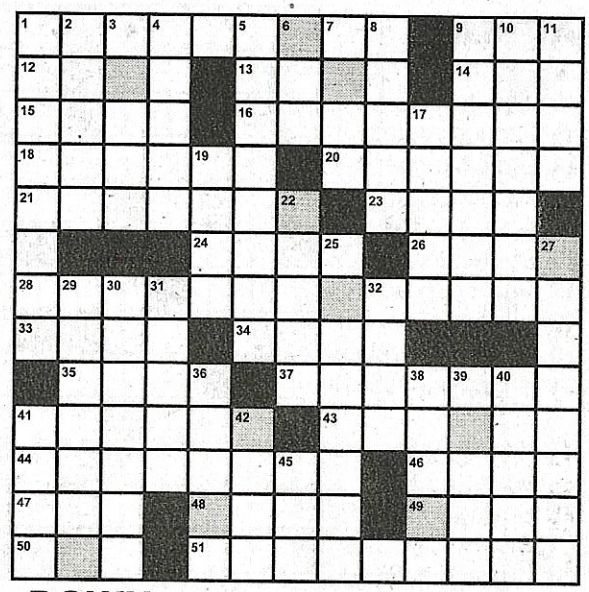
# Pink weirdo 26

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***what tastes like combination of kiwi & pear***



## ACROSS

**1** Phone trios
**9** Barbecue coating
**12** Put limits on
**13** Campus cohort
**14** Ufologist's concern, initially
**15** Lump of dirt
**16** Searched (out)
**18** Trim down
**20** Of a wolf
**21** Soon, in sonnets
**23** Quirky behaviors
**24** Norwegian metropolis
**26** Ad-writing award
**28** Reveal too much in a park, say
**33** Trough contents
**34** Blow, as from a volcano
**35** Exchange
**37** Emulate a zombie
**41** Certain Muslim noble (var.)
**43** Going strong, say
**44** Like a dogfight missile
**46** Chess or Monopoly
**47** Test administered by ETS
**48** Israeli-made guns
**49** Chills, as champagne
**50** Kind of deviation, in statistics (abbr.)
**51** Getting old

## DOWN

**1** Adheres gradually
**2** 12-inch stick
**3** Chip away at
**4** "Forever Your Girl" singer Paula
**5** Infringements
**6** Rhyming Dr.
**7** Nobleman
**8** Biplane part
**9** Optical reference grid
**10** Gadget
**11** Stay awhile
**17** "Paradise Lost" and others
**19** Loving murmurs
**22** Messy food servings
**25** (Of a place) poor
**27** Almost always
**29** Rather big upper body cover, briefly
**30** Supplied with electricity
**31** Eyeball-bending drawings
**32** Obi-Wan in a series of movies
**36** Very observant
**38** Wonder-working
**39** ___ yourself
**40** Unit of light intensity
**41** Drops over time
**42** Daunt
**45** 'Boy, am ___ trouble!'

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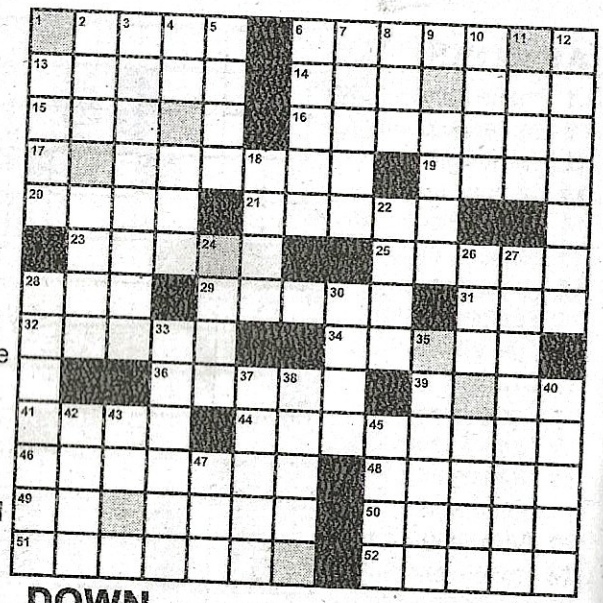
# 27 Philosopher's stone

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***alchemical "Great Work", in Latin***



## ACROSS

1 ___ baller
6 Of a desert
13 Fungus source
14 Pizza sauce enhancer
15 Adverts
16 Center, for one
17 Not yet docked
19 ___ for (chooses)
20 Open an envelope
21 Unpopular 1950s Ford model
23 Plant swelling problem
25 Having a specified goal
28 Coy add-on?
29 Newton who studied gravity
31 'Heavens!', in Berlin
32 Syrian strongman
34 Fleeting
36 Head ornament
39 Singular work detail, in brief
41 '___ makes two of us!'
44 Piece maker
46 Musical event
48 Spanish word before Brava
49 Strive to equal or surpass
50 Butterfly attractor
51 Ritzy realty
52 Like a sty

## DOWN

1 Old PC operating system
2 Uniform markings
3 Beach-entering times
4 More than richly decorated
5 ___ egg
6 Cobbled
7 Verdi songs
8 Chick's mom
9 Going back
10 Inclined to dishonesty
11 Vet school subj.
12 Unmatched one (var.)
18 Pirates milieus
22 Bought individually
24 Skirt genre
26 Dorothy Ashby and Joanna Newsom
27 Groups of eight (var.)
28 Symbol of might
30 Strong ___ ox
33 Historic Hun
35 Absorb effortlessly
37 Swirly marble
38 Lines on a page
40 Guarded
42 Dress edges
43 ___ above (superior)
45 Illegal operation
47 Art in a parlor

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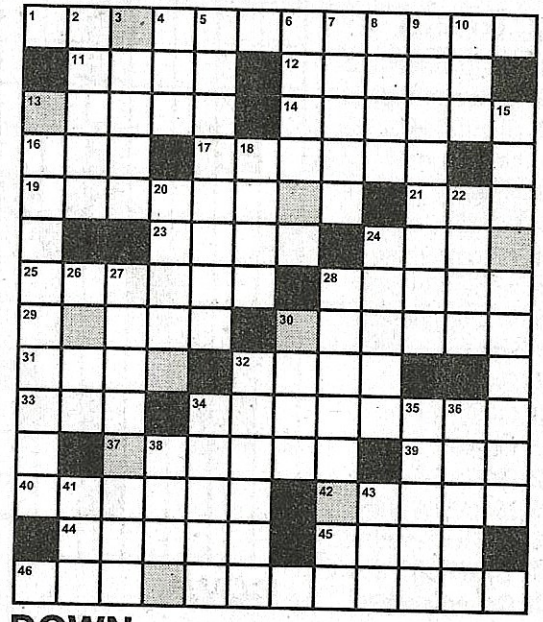
# Bullet holes 28

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***the science of trajectories***



## ACROSS

1 Cubist movement co-founder
11 Nerdy sort
12 German engraver Albrecht
13 Desktop font
14 Of arid regions with dunes
16 KFC portion
17 Andre of tennis
19 Voyeur feature of doors
21 Abbr. on a can of motor oil
23 Silver et al.
24 Dangle lazily
25 "Ain't It ___" (Fats Domino hit)
28 1990s commerce acronym
29 Local life
30 Kind of tank
31 Archaic once
32 Landlocked Asian country
33 Chef's amt
34 Ristorante topper
37 Cry of agreement
39 Whispered word
40 Municipalities
42 Not match, fashionwise
44 Certain wedding official
45 Olden Andean
46 One-dollar bill's observing element

## DOWN

2 Share a viewpoint
3 Lingerie shade
4 Michele on Broadway
5 Panhandle state
6 Lofty principles
7 Hardly a blessing
8 God depicted with a spear
9 Cheese category
10 ___ Lanka
13 Like some arrangements
15 Very old lobe-finned fish
18 Missing
20 Chris of "The Lego Movie"
22 High combiner
24 Memory failure
26 Knights of the Round Table
27 Ward site
28 Type of antibiotic
30 Lee known for baked goods
32 Film collie
34 Navy newbie
35 Parking unit
36 Test ore, e.g.
38 Mad ___ (party game)
41 Offline initialism
43 Airy US export to Europe?

* For solutions, see page 124

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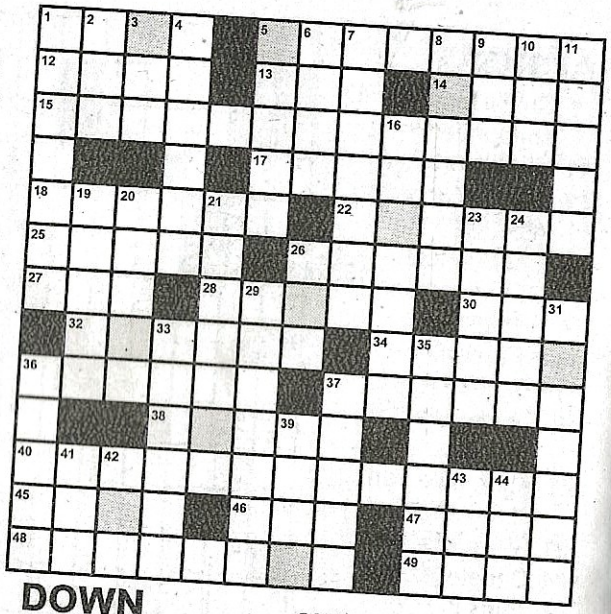
# Morning Joe

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***energizing brown&white drink***



## ACROSS

**1** Basic teachings
**5** Spacecraft exits
**12** Blood flow stoppage
**13** 'What it ___ see in you'
**14** Auto company since 1899
**15** In a temporary way
**17** Saxon start
**18** Quill-dipping locale
**22** Brief disputes
**25** Mock playfully
**26** Ulnae neighbors
**27** Little dog's sound
**28** Cover loosely
**30** Keebler cookie maker
**32** 100 Indonesian sen
**34** Mark on some oranges
**36** Blocks at the bar
**37** Decisive step
**38** Numerical comparison
**40** Places of military engagements
**45** Kazan of Hollywood history
**46** Arborist's woe
**47** Not costing any money
**48** Pragmatic types
**49** Material measure

## DOWN

**1** Bitterness
**2** Racial justice sign letters, perhaps
**3** NYPD figure
**4** Soaks in water
**5** Put in one's crosshairs
**6** French par follower?
**7** Achieves
**8** Distinguished
**9** Fruity Ron head?
**10** Actor Penn who played Kumar
**11** Eye infections
**16** Essential factor
**19** Draws nigh
**20** Down the tubes
**21** Complex adjective
**23** Famed fountain of Rome
**24** Beyond tipsy
**26** Skeptical laugh
**29** Parallel TV-screen lines
**31** Cut out the blubber
**33** Place of entry
**35** Bandy words
**36** Dying fire feature
**37** Particular kinds
**39** 'Honey, ___ you something!'
**41** Growler content
**42** Actress Mowry
**43** Big gun gp
**44** Article, in Bonn

* *For solutions, see page 125*



# Parental challenge

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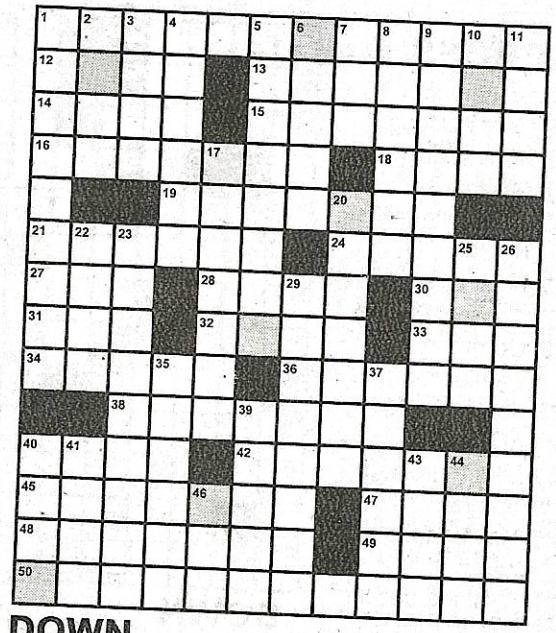
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a house no longer bustling with activity***



## ACROSS

**1** Bit of philately
**12** Cupid's specialty
**13** Woeful
**14** ___ Bear
**15** More crescent-shaped
**16** Create a tangle
**18** Old-fashioned pledge
**19** Inventive sort
**21** Oil-and-vinegar bottles
**24** By means of
**27** Oral impudence
**28** Whoppers
**30** Part of a wd
**31** Suffix with poet or robot
**32** Short-lived mom's followers?
**33** Screening agcy
**34** Verse writers
**36** Played (around)
**38** Mosaic piece
**40** ___ Boy (gin cocktail)
**42** Metal cup used in old street lighting
**45** Continue moving forward
**47** Mexican menu item
**48** Like golden color light
**49** Beaver Or tail?
**50** Male anabolic steroid

## DOWN

**1** Office fastener
**2** Gulf state
**3** Pacifiers
**4** Catalepsy
**5** Solidified plant exudate
**6** ___ Holmes (film girl detective)
**7** Premium channel, briefly
**8** Sensual dances
**9** Honey farmers
**10** Video-file format
**11** Ritual flammable stack
**17** Simple
**20** Strong Indian silk
**22** Puerto finisher
**23** Ones causing distress
**25** Wall St. institution
**26** 19th century British PM
**29** Computer cable
**35** Social service
**37** TV screen grid
**39** Sean Connery's kinsmen
**40** Give ___ on the back
**41** Proven
**43** Starch derived from palms
**44** Capital subj.
**46** ___ Paulo, Brazil

* *For solutions, see page 125*

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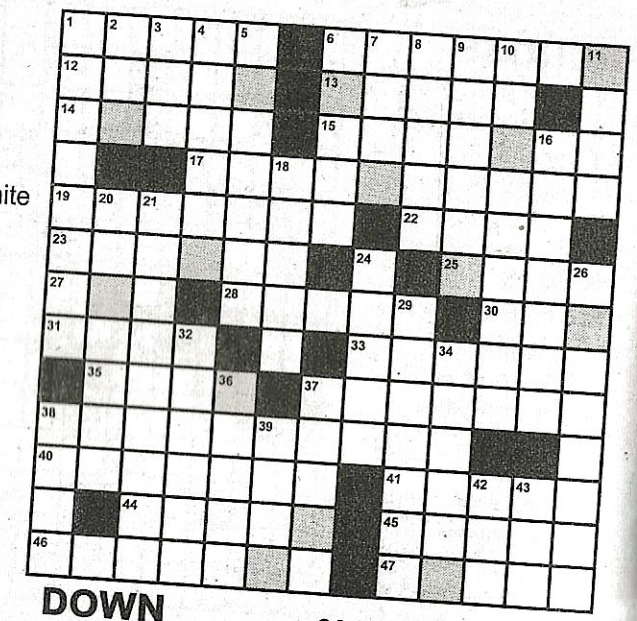
# Poppy fields

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***region known for opium cultivation***



## ACROSS

**1** Small unit
**6** Very uplifting
**12** Ma's specialty
**13** Cleaner scent
**14** John in the White House
**15** Most conceited
**17** Apparently true
**19** Common wildflowers
**22** Jealous wife of Zeus
**23** Like marching bands
**25** Having tons of cash
**27** 0, at the soccer World Cup
**28** Take another shot
**30** Alias acronym
**31** Glitz and ___
**33** Relating to the day before
**35** Part of the loop
**37** Stew holders
**38** Thin hemp-based printing material
**40** Bar recyclable
**41** Chapter's companion
**44** Outfit anew
**45** Atom with a negative charge
**46** Mortarboard decorations
**47** Machine-gun spots

## DOWN

**1** Really hot
**2** Initials in a math proof
**3** Spat ender
**4** Approaching
**5** Collection of documents
**6** Legendary toy makers
**7** Dieters catchword
**8** Buggy bunch
**9** More fashionable
**10** Drunkard
**11** Castle entrance
**16** Ease off (work)
**18** Brave protector
**20** Poisonous liquid amine
**21** Cretans, e.g.
**24** Wither
**26** Becomes tougher, as a climate
**29** Largest city in Armenia
**32** Shimmery fabrics
**34** Peaceful
**36** Shell lining used in jewelry
**37** Pungent flavors
**38** 'Yeah, right'
**39** Nursery rhyme water holder
**42** Bradbury's "___ for Rocket"
**43** Serious elbow-bender

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# Silky buffet

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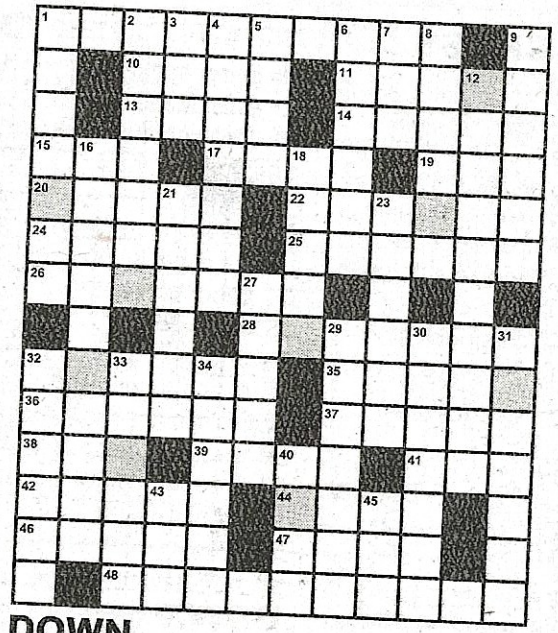
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an elaborate network***



## ACROSS

**1** Food-into-energy-changing process
**10** Ticket part
**11** Timid
**13** Penniless traveler
**14** Women with nieces
**15** Unfilled-slot abbr.
**17** Public place for online rant
**19** Portable bed
**20** Relating to certain Catholic visits
**22** Cover with mud
**24** "Fame" star Cara
**25** Self-___ (pride)
**26** Periodic leaving the skin behind
**28** Fruity drinks
**32** Fictional thief Lupin
**35** Simmering
**36** Settle a debt
**37** Oft-seen word on a Hawaiian map
**38** Combative host attachment?
**39** Letter-shaped auto feature
**41** Peaks, briefly
**42** Narrow gap
**44** 'Tres ___!'
**46** Amazingly coincidental
**47** Olympic figure skater Kulik
**48** Steady attitude

## DOWN

**1** Empanada, e.g.
**2** Like some road sign symbols
**3** From ___ Z
**4** Fizzes
**5** Stygian fare
**6** Things seen
**7** Five centimes
**8** Seat of Delaware county in Indiana
**9** Action plan
**12** Street-facing side of a shop
**16** Gondolier's folk tune
**18** Chubby plus
**21** 'Press ___ to continue'
**23** Sicilian active volcano, for short
**27** Lacking any competence
**29** Convert program source code into an executable
**30** Former coeds, perhaps
**31** Splashing sounds
**32** Climaxes
**33** Disdainful grins
**34** Butted in the head
**40** Brief life story
**43** Old cry of annoyance
**45** Article in Die Welt

* For solutions, see page 126

# 33 Soulful ballad

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Bee Gees chart-topper***

## ACROSS

**1** Exchange light boxing blows
**5** ___ event (match of the night)
**9** Now and again
**16** Powerful car engine, informally
**17** Two-way communicator
**18** Detective novelist ___ Stanley Gardner
**19** Traditional St. Patrick's Day dish
**20** Thigh of a hog
**21** One Direction singer Payne
**22** Climbing plant
**23** What rolls on a Rolls
**24** Zimbabwe, formerly
**26** Spanish F1 racing driver Fernando
**28** Wings, to Ovid
**30** Believe-not connection
**31** Reason for pressing a suit
**33** Logic
**37** Fictional karate dojo in teen series
**41** Gold-related
**42** L'___ (Lalique perfume)
**43** Turn harsh
**45** California vineyard valley
**48** Beep, say
**49** Artist Matisse
**50** DNA-related
**51** Legal contract adverb
**52** Serve in the capacity of
**54** Labored breath
**55** Coral isles
**56** Submits, as a phone report
**58** Religious song
**59** Sandy slopes
**60** Freedom to get around
**62** X-axis coordinates
**66** Exam taken by jrs
**67** Columnist's piece
**68** Supergirl's alias
**70** Sluggish, as footsteps
**75** Asian Turkey
**78** Navy relative
**80** Giant wrestler
**81** Certain parasites
**82** Liverpool loc.
**83** Vanish from sight
**84** Abruptly change course
**85** Like wine pricing
**86** 'Indeed!'
**87** Confederate state in the American Civil War
**88** GPS offering
**89** ___slaw

## DOWN

**1** The Destroyer, in Hinduism
**2** Life-or-death situation
**3** Like protein-building acids
**4** Now above the horizon
**5** Identified incorrectly
**6** Prefix with freeze or social
**7** New hardware version
**8** Handrail feature
**9** Fairly brownish yellow
**10** 2014 Russell Crowe epic
**11** Endless supply in action movies
**12** Get rid of, electronically
**13** Earnest appeal
**14** Pen names
**15** Damage assessment org.
**25** Thin flat circular object
**27** Shape with five points
**29** Gilled mushrooms
**32** Formula One enthusiasts, e.g.
**34** Catnip cousins
**35** Banquets
**36** With precision
**37** Online Turing test
**38** Hometown of Malcolm X
**39** Bummer for a professional golfer
**40** Contrite ones
**44** Kazakh waters
**45** View from Mount Everest
**46** Steve Jobs first employer
**47** Noir or Blanc grape
**49** Start of a magical phrase
**53** Drummer
**57** Cracked pipes results
**58** Refer to in an academic paper
**59** Carthaginian heroine
**61** Sentimental pop songs
**63** More scrawny
**64** "In the Bedroom" Oscar nominee
**65** The rest, to Caesar
**69** Airport tracking device
**71** Tomato gelatin
**72** As the result of
**73** It may have an attachment
**74** Scandinavian
**75** Thomas ___ Edison
**76** Lowing places
**77** Old TV actress Swenson
**79** Fortuneteller's opening



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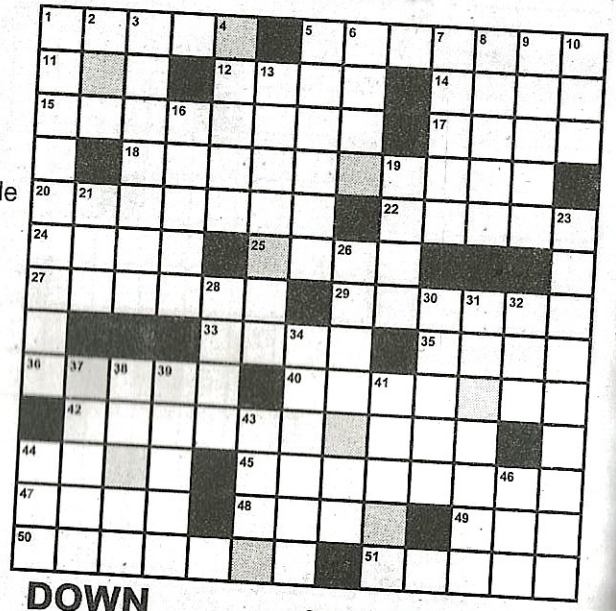
# 34 James' favorite

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***007 movie bar scene staple***



## ACROSS

**1** Shown in full
**5** Internet transfer limit
**11** Hot state
**12** Any police vehicle
**14** Landlocked Saharan country
**15** Auto restraint
**17** Super Mario ___
**18** Dispose of
**20** Bolshevik foe
**22** Bothered relentlessly
**24** Bill additions
**25** Card game declaration
**27** Best possible conditions
**29** Actress Rolle
**33** Pleasantly small
**35** Get around
**36** Quality producing taste
**40** Of good or ill temper
**42** Divinely-inspired woman
**44** Colo. neighbor
**45** Tiebreaker period
**47** Bygone kind of store
**48** Ball- ___ hammer
**49** Canon shooter
**50** Approach, as to attack
**51** Neighbors of Croats

## DOWN

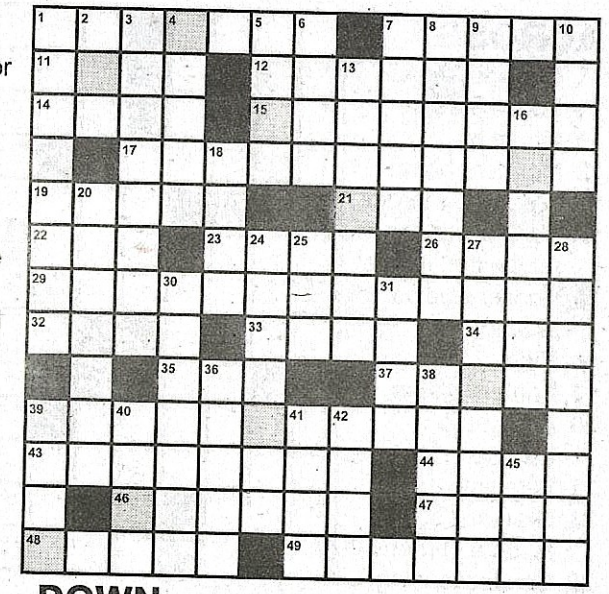
**1** Lines of cutting that transform 4 pizza slices into 8
**2** Continue to be
**3** Tweak further
**4** Gulf emirate
**5** Widen, as pupils
**6** Lawyer (abbr.)
**7** Range
**8** French restaurant menu
**9** Maui hello
**10** Geometry textbook symbols
**13** Journalist
**16** Partial statues
**19** Big bankrolls
**21** Compress, as a computer file
**23** Weariness
**26** Beneficiary
**28** Car dealer abbr.
**30** Confide in
**31** More equine-resembling
**32** Original sinner
**34** In need of leveling
**37** Foolish month
**38** Superb
**39** Seeps through cracks
**41** Migratory birds
**43** Southwestern pottery maker
**44** General's asst
**46** Difficult-to-control group

* For solutions, see page 127



# Reading zone 35

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***colorful page separators***



## ACROSS

**1** Another name for aardvark
**7** Gobbled
**11** Forbidding in appearance
**12** Roster maker
**14** Boldly innovative
**15** Accurate
**17** Meringue-topped dessert
**19** Simultaneously
**21** Diamond org.
**22** Copper-colored beer
**23** Starch in sushi
**26** Facto lead-in
**29** Perseverance
**32** Disney fjord crosser
**33** Place for a topgallant
**34** Cow's chew
**35** Chinese menu word
**37** Keynote, say
**39** Like the US version of
**43** Near East ancient person
**44** Composition closure
**46** Dissolute rock formations
**47** 1982 film and arcade game
**48** Potato coverings
**49** Conflicting

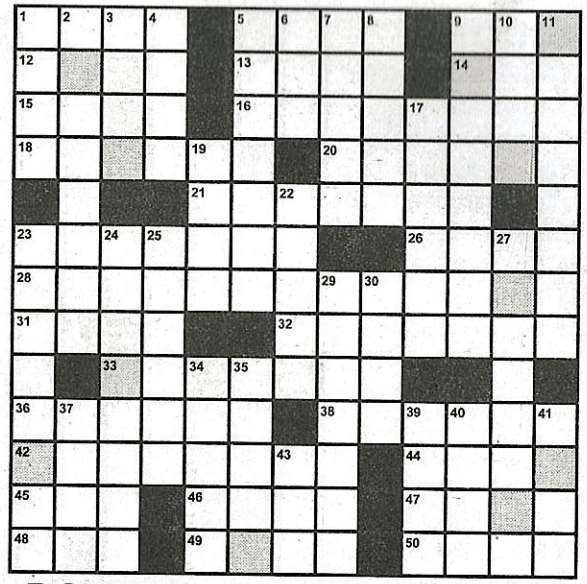
## DOWN

**1** South Australian city with a tennis tournament
**2** Bid silently
**3** Harbor sights
**4** Rocker Adams
**5** Burn balm
**6** Tangerine leftover
**7** In any fashion
**8** Huge data transfer unit
**9** Dynes at work
**10** Anti-fur org.
**13** Pollen producers
**16** Just manages
**18** Drama critic Walter
**20** Early textbook
**24** Encloses within walls
**25** OSS replacer
**27** Horsemen in a bullfight
**28** As soon as required
**30** Camera innovator George
**31** Full-boat
**36** Listens
**38** Verso's opposite
**39** Clowns
**40** "The Open Window" author
**41** Ukr. allies in the war with Russia
**42** Police dept. title
**45** Buck's mate

* For solutions, see page 128

# 36 Master of chaos

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a cropping expert***



## ACROSS

**1** Chowder morsel
**5** Soda holders
**9** Morse bit
**12** Marinara brand
**13** Free-throw target
**14** 2013 public event for Twitter, in brief
**15** Soccer stadium shape
**16** Ripe
**18** Printers marks
**20** Attempt to conquer
**21** Stimulate
**23** Grandma's favorite burdens
**26** Condescending sort
**28** Flees from the police, e.g.
**31** Shopper's place
**32** Framed person's exclamation
**33** Draws out
**36** Certain metal complex, in chemistry
**38** Firenze's country
**42** Holiness
**44** Selfies, e.g.
**45** Little spasm
**46** 10K, for one
**47** ER procedure
**48** Paper staff, briefly
**49** Doggie-bag items
**50** Soviet press agency

## DOWN

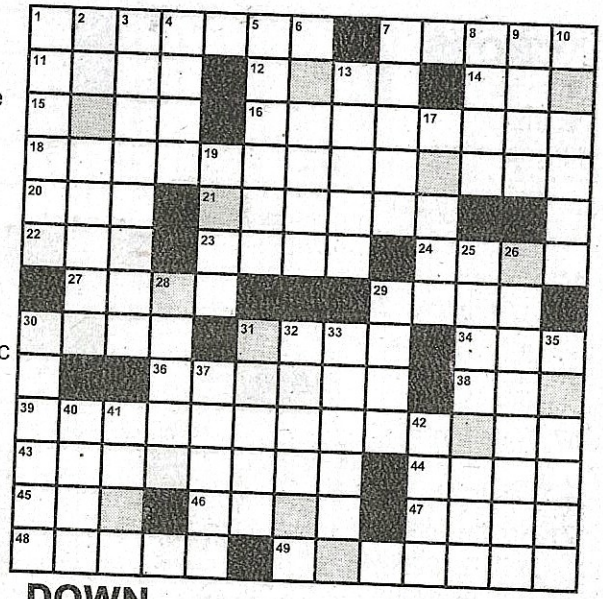
**1** Reptilian sunbather
**2** Samoan skirt
**3** Bio lab staple
**4** Paradigm of stubbornness
**5** Swindles
**6** LA's ___ Center
**7** GI's denial
**8** Lightened one's wallet
**9** Cancel
**10** Two peas in ___
**11** Botanical garden visitor
**17** Zoroastrian text
**19** Land heavily
**22** Alphanumeric code acronym
**23** Thrash
**24** Disputation practices
**25** Sub
**27** Apertures in the body
**29** Not steadily
**30** 'Hey, over here!' hiss
**34** Musician's lead-in
**35** Lebanese export
**37** Aproned worker
**39** HMO visit
**40** Italian coin of old
**41** Ancient emblems of royalty
**43** Mo. of colorful foliage

* *For solutions, see page 128*



# Spectacular change 37

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***what actors and butterflies go through***



## ACROSS

**1** Boorish
**7** Word and picture puzzle
**11** Infatuated
**12** The Beatles' "___ Tired"
**14** Die face
**15** Short gamut
**16** Counterfeit
**18** Warning on plastic packages
**20** Bearer of bricks
**21** Less assertive
**22** Actuarial datum
**23** Multitude
**24** Chinese dynasty during Confucius time (var.)
**27** Make bucks
**29** Blackened surface
**30** Merely
**31** 'Que ___?'
**34** GOP grp
**36** Is uncertain
**38** A bit of cheer
**39** Inclined to take risks
**43** Data-dividing value, in statistics
**44** Meadow females
**45** Sounds of uncertainty
**46** Spanish cordial
**47** Chap
**48** Eagerly enjoy
**49** Prepares a line for retail

## DOWN

**1** Christie of mysteries
**2** Disease cause
**3** Wannabe image, for Freud
**4** Pipettes' locales
**5** Puss
**6** Oscar-winning rapper
**7** Sales circuit
**8** Dinghy
**9** Old preposition
**10** '___ later'
**13** User of tobacco
**17** Durable wood
**19** Mogadishu-born supermodel
**25** "Dennis the Menace" actress
**26** Embellish
**28** Golf cup eponym
**29** It may be heard
**30** Non-reflective
**31** Vladimir of the Kremlin
**32** Abnormal lack of initiative
**33** Management subject
**35** Treasure containers
**37** Like beer from a keg
**40** Russia's parliament
**41** Massive
**42** Bulbous perennial

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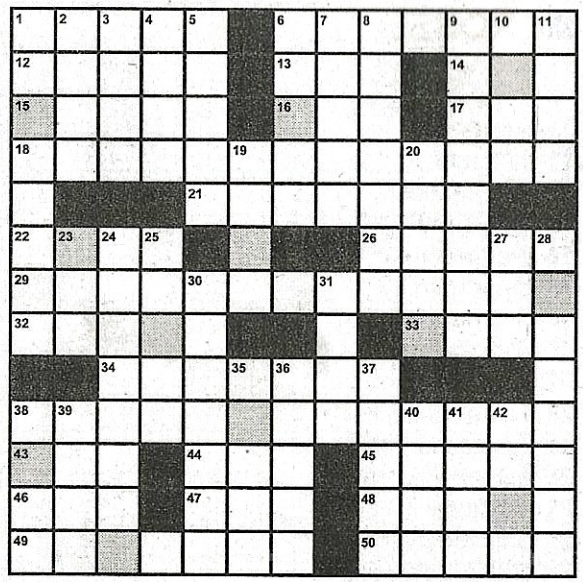
# 38 "File not found"

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a kind of on-screen pop-up***



## ACROSS

**1** Avoids
**6** Shock
**12** Legendary storyteller
**13** Introduction introducer
**14** Modern, in Germany
**15** Minute hands, say
**16** Bitter medicinal herb
**17** Wrestling's ___ Flair
**18** Landlord's income
**21** Korea-Japan watery separator
**22** Spill reaction
**26** Come to pass
**29** Hurricane over a paradise island
**32** Colorado ski town
**33** Bargain (informal)
**34** Person of learning
**38** Bring up kids
**43** Part of the NFL
**44** Charles who played piano
**45** Big heart-shaped 31-Down fig (var.)
**46** Foam alternative for shavers
**47** 'Can ___ now?'
**48** Cicada's stage
**49** Add value to, as a deal
**50** Accomplished, old-style

## DOWN

**1** Resort city south of Tampa
**2** Whole bunch
**3** Beef inspector's agcy
**4** Cafe ___
**5** Be catty
**6** Mexican winds
**7** Double duty?
**8** Sub-Saharan tormentors
**9** Irrationality
**10** German refusal
**11** Air conduit
**19** ___ Antony of old Rome
**20** Doesn't buy
**23** Conjunctions
**24** Frozen treat
**25** Contractor's parameters
**27** Geller of psychic acts
**28** Vacant land
**30** Receive by will
**31** Natural rustler
**35** Type of orange
**36** Provide
**37** Breakneck
**38** Tattered duds
**39** Opposite of numerous
**40** "Bosch" actress Rogers
**41** Tablet computer brand
**42** Falls off the pace

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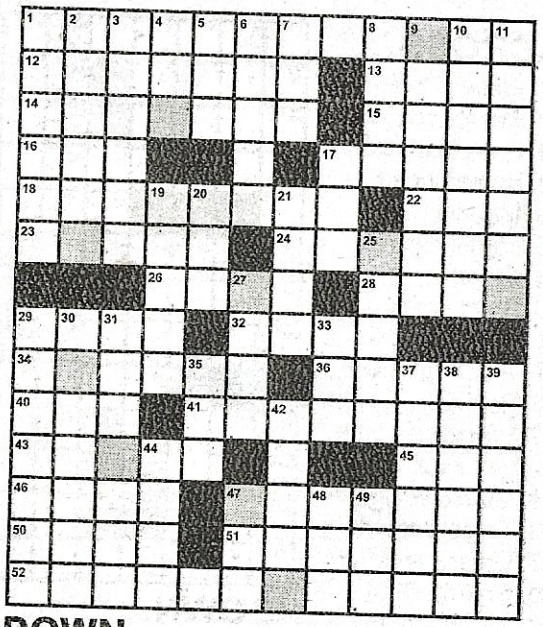
# Bowl of gold 39

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***smooth fruity spread***



## ACROSS

**1** Heavy-duty frying utensils
**12** Like popular magnets
**13** High fever
**14** Ticked away
**15** Be emotionally invested
**16** Relig. school
**17** Downhill athlete
**18** Interval at work
**22** Nevada's largest county
**23** Bedtime woe
**24** Rhythmic heartbeats
**26** Nights before big events
**28** Rugged wheels, for short
**29** Bedside water pitcher
**32** Very long stretch
**34** Clerical quarters
**36** Place for a sash
**40** Hosp. procedures
**41** Makeup kit staple
**43** Second time around
**45** ___ Chi (martial art form)
**46** Diva's lines
**47** Rear end
**50** Canvas structure
**51** Electrical gizmo
**52** Daggers and swords

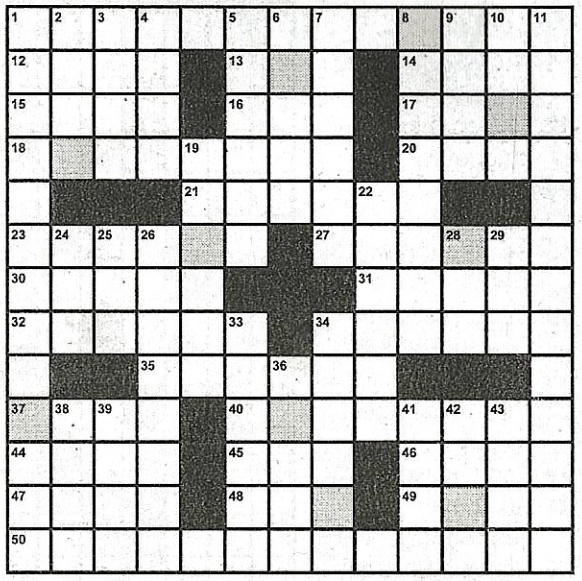
## DOWN

**1** Ridge with one steep and one gentle slope
**2** Napping
**3** Tribal health fixer
**4** Loud dance
**5** Online comp. IDs
**6** Hershey rival
**7** Like some socks
**8** Crowd
**9** Competing with
**10** Famous Russian ballet dancer
**11** Female fortune-teller
**17** Goods identifying acronym
**19** Cold drafts
**20** T-erse contents?
**21** Part of the church
**25** Covered veranda
**27** Elementary
**29** Kuwait, e.g.
**30** Fluctuated
**31** Coming after
**33** Athena's symbol
**35** Loafer letters
**37** Completely
**38** Add spices
**39** Prosecutors
**42** Dodge
**44** Stuff to the max
**47** Ravenous cry
**48** Bighorn bleat
**49** Yes, to no (abbr.)

* *For solutions, see page 130*

# 40 Tubes in bechamel

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a type of pasta***



## ACROSS

**1** Wheels' tune-up
**12** Due for payment
**13** Dracula, at times
**14** Human head covering
**15** High-pitched sound
**16** Short break letters, in texts
**17** The 'A' in A.D.
**18** Preexist
**20** Processing time unit, briefly
**21** Mint family herb
**23** Targets of sutures
**27** Dressmaker
**30** Strengthen a seam, perhaps
**31** Difficult to hoe
**32** Membranes of the eyes (var.)
**34** Fiesta target
**35** Casserole crust
**37** Real-time
**40** In two straight lines, in dancing
**44** Back to you, in radiospeak
**45** Navy's CIA equivalent
**46** Airline serving kosher meals
**47** Conservative Roman senator
**48** Certain door sign
**49** Take a fancy to
**50** Ignorant

## DOWN

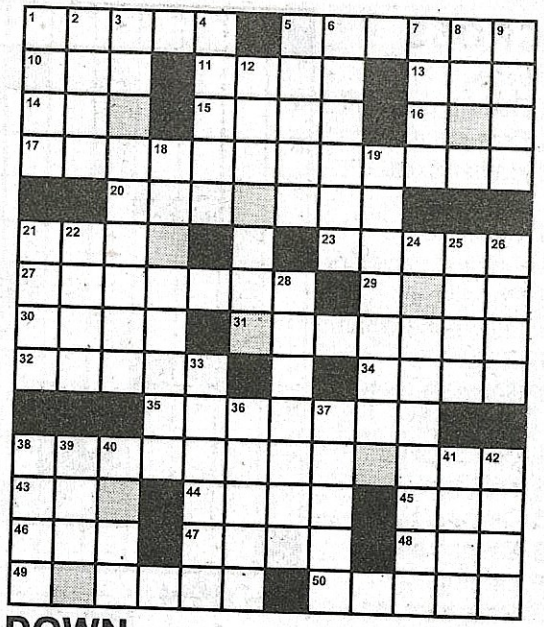
**1** Huge traffic jam
**2** Postgame declaration
**3** Flowing cur's tail?
**4** Dangerous part of a cliff
**5** Monasteries
**6** Dresses with fat
**7** Highly hopefully
**8** One supporting the cause
**9** McKellen and McShane
**10** Cloud number
**11** Supermarket sections
**19** Gum fan
**22** Activity in some regattas
**24** What the Irish breathe
**25** Govt. assistance program
**26** Many an estate border
**28** Mauna ___ (long volcano)
**29** Capital of Can.
**33** 1953 title role for Rita Hayworth
**34** Deep longing
**36** Shaded
**38** 'Terrible' czar
**39** White House 'no'
**41** Healthy spring
**42** Caught in ___
**43** Kin of buffaloes

* For solutions, see page 130



# Tumbling wonder 41

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a breathtaking river hazard***



## ACROSS

**1** Rabbit cage
**5** Lauren of movie classics
**10** Amateur ending
**11** Fire or black gem
**13** Grade of mediocrity
**14** VCR button
**15** Coastal city
**16** Highland boy
**17** Stock exchange activity period
**20** Hiker's flask
**21** Japanese brew
**23** Ghanaian metropolis
**27** Add lemon juice, say
**29** Asia's ___ Sea
**30** Grandma, in child-speak
**31** Taiwan, once
**32** Affleck/Lopez film
**34** Scores source
**35** Reversing ones
**38** Dubious
**43** Online nav. aid
**44** Russo of "Velvet Buzzsaw"
**45** Caveman of the comics
**46** '___ so sorry!'
**47** Molecule unit
**48** San Juan pro punchers assn
**49** Polish coins
**50** Go-aheads

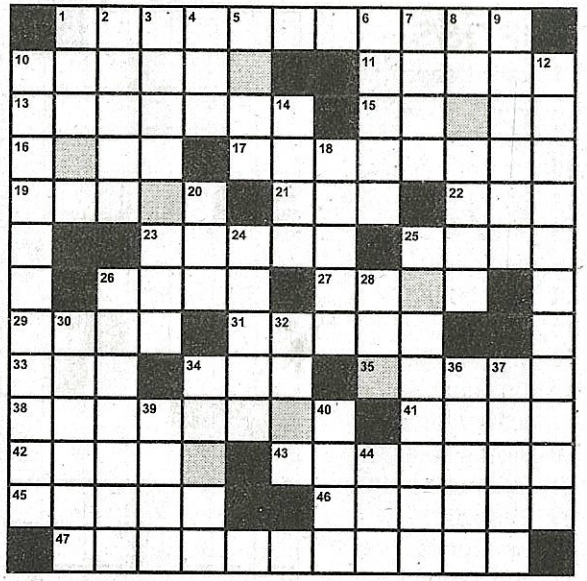
## DOWN

**1** New Orleans trumpeter
**2** One with an ID, perhaps
**3** Striking noisily
**4** Cabbie's call
**5** Canal vessel
**6** Gibson of tennis
**7** Civil rights org.
**8** Big name in private planes
**9** Some screens
**12** The Pope
**18** Constructor of ancient labyrinth
**19** Being filmed
**21** Did karaoke
**22** Exotic berry
**24** Medieval armor-piercing range weapons
**25** Husky voice characteristic
**26** Newsman Colmes
**28** Artist who married John Lennon
**33** Work basket
**36** Fare reductions?
**37** Hostile bunch
**38** Memory jogger
**39** Continental border river
**40** Tickled Muppet
**41** Brain division
**42** Heroic poetry

* For solutions, see page 131

# 42 Business paradise

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a profits-friendly jurisdiction***



## ACROSS

**1** Fans
**10** Red Bordeaux
**11** Communist leader of old
**13** Of an eye part
**15** Transfixed
**16** Firewood splitters
**17** Planning-related
**19** One of the Obama daughters
**21** Computer network acronym
**22** Compass dir.
**23** Smudge
**25** Drinking bouts
**26** Barking sea creature
**27** Back section
**29** Dog in whodunits
**31** Swashbuckling Errol
**33** Popular news source letters
**34** Cube that rolls
**35** Parish official
**38** Numbed
**41** Airport/hotel connection
**42** Off the table, in a way
**43** Change the decor
**45** Uses laundry equipment
**46** By a narrow margin
**47** Trial audition tapes

## DOWN

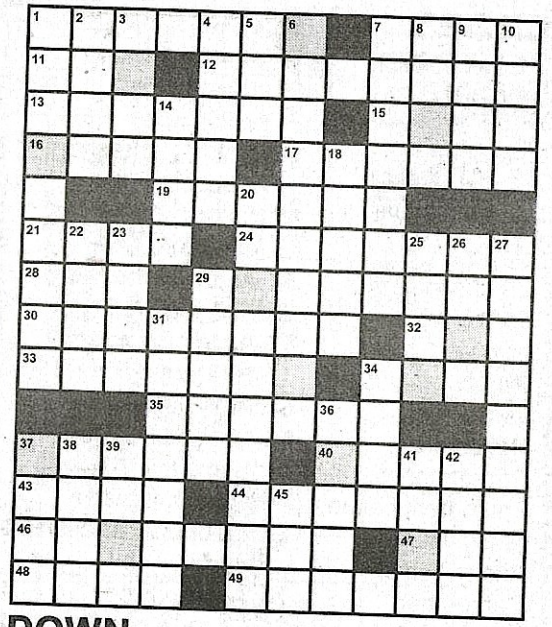
**1** Amazon guide?
**2** Mythological triad (with the)
**3** Arm of the North Atlantic
**4** Really long life span, briefly
**5** Bold's kin (abbr.)
**6** "Scorpio" co-star Delon
**7** Univ. awards
**8** Out of control
**9** Assessing, with up
**10** Brought down roughly, like a spacecraft
**12** Forcedly
**14** Albright or Falana
**18** Chess great Kasparov
**20** Clinicians grp
**24** Diminutive
**25** Clean-up crew
**26** Of rock layers
**28** Ltr carrier
**30** Long, pointed weapons
**32** Libidinous look
**34** Concentrated
**36** Service academy student
**37** Figure-skating jumps
**39** Headlights confuse them
**40** ___ of honor
**44** Alluring West

* For solutions, see page 131



# "The Rock" 43

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***the most Irish place outside Ireland***



## ACROSS

**1** Bygone Turkish dynasty or a cushioned stool
**7** Famous name in TV talk
**11** Sushi stuff
**12** Little cupid
**13** Sugar-controlling hormone
**15** Dumbfounds
**16** "Sweet Charity" choreographer
**17** Italian city of Romeo and Juliet
**19** Discovery
**21** Remote batteries, often
**24** Drone, at times
**28** Channel for music videos, once
**29** Endure
**30** Moves the data to another system
**32** Rapa ___
**33** Greek short E
**34** Game point
**35** Accomplished
**37** Murderous
**40** Bit of wisdom
**43** Overlook
**44** Diamond sock designs
**46** Movie aficionado
**47** Dash alternative
**48** Just barely
**49** Plant-based remedies

## DOWN

**1** Banner inspiring courage
**2** ___ purpose (pointlessly)
**3** Harper of movies
**4** Half of us, roughly
**5** Bon ___ (cleaner)
**6** Like a peaceful march
**7** Oyster's treasure hunter
**8** Welk's upbeat
**9** Rates ___
**10** Legendary Parks
**14** Calls on
**18** House overhangs
**20** Red carpet blinding light
**22** 'Let me give you ___, pal'
**23** Some sports stats
**25** McNally's partner
**26** Small tool case
**27** Plays the market again
**29** Shire in Hollywood
**31** Did justice
**34** Actor Wesley
**36** Avid
**37** Ting preceder?
**38** Release, in a way
**39** Fey of comedy
**41** Alan of filmdom
**42** Rocky field?
**45** Road-map abbr.

* For solutions, see page 132

# 44 Killer aunts

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***1944 black comedy based on J. Kesselring play***

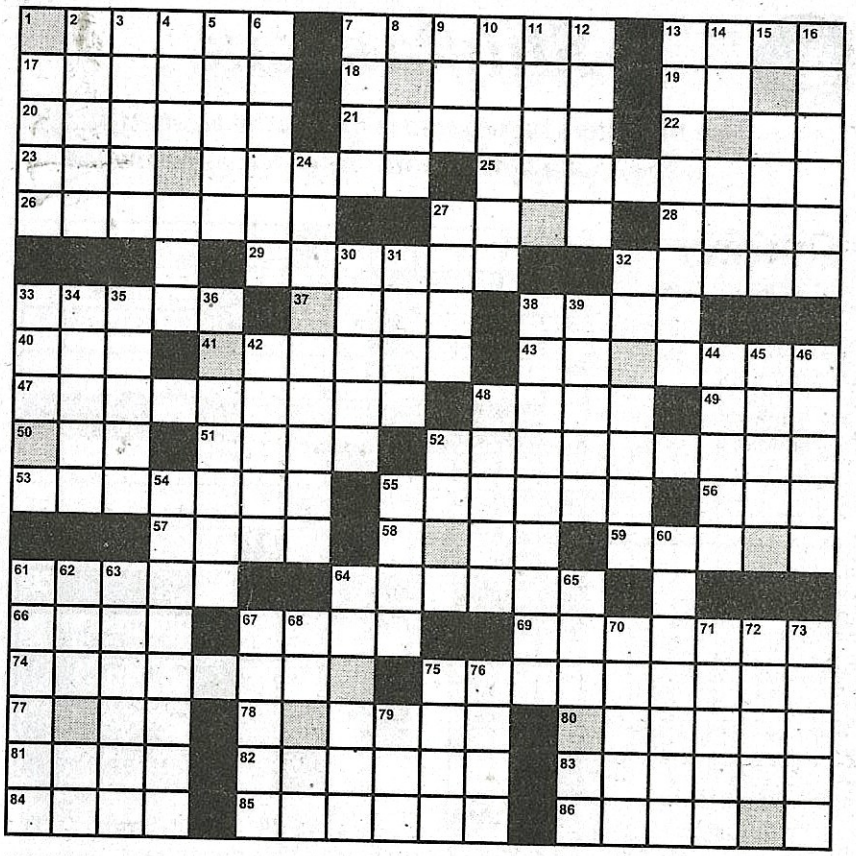
## ACROSS

**1** Makes possible
**7** Port wine
**13** Denim fabric
**17** Bald spot concealer
**18** Baltimore MLB player
**19** Conditional coding word
**20** Involving the supernatural
**21** Jackpot
**22** Not so great
**23** Cornerstones
**25** Frees from blame
**26** Apply liberally
**27** Alternative to Camembert
**28** Fabled Himalayan creature
**29** Introduced performers
**32** Rid of lather
**33** Hemp fiber
**37** Nursery purchase
**38** Tom Wolfe's "___ in Full"
**40** Letters on a bucket
**41** On the waterfront
**43** Idol's screaming follower
**47** At all events
**48** Debatable
**49** Teachers' org.
**50** Buzzy insect
**51** Eye part with color
**52** Military outposts
**53** More forbidding
**55** Jam-setting substance
**56** 'Am ___ a healthy weight?'
**57** Colorado casino operators
**58** Amos on the radio
**59** Fish features
**61** Athlete on a Houston diamond
**64** Atolls contents
**66** Daughter of Darth
**67** Some mil. academy grads
**69** Colorful Australian parrot
**74** Aggrandized
**75** Like wet weather garments
**77** Jai trailer
**78** Fridge-door adornment
**80** Tennis racket string
**81** Coin with a Lincoln profile
**82** Ersatz
**83** Serving no purpose
**84** 'An apple ___ keeps...'
**85** "The Greatest Show On Earth" star Charlton
**86** Stingier

## DOWN

**1** Molecular bits
**2** Neighborhood restaurant
**3** Saint ___ (island nation in the West Indies)
**4** Cactus plant
**5** From Cardiff, e.g.
**6** Bowling-alley bench
**7** First word in a Melville title
**8** "Exodus" author Leon
**9** Autograph, briefly
**10** One deficient in courage
**11** Suspect's defense
**12** Like sudden-death overtime
**13** Becoming like gummies
**14** Big roll
**15** Selling points
**16** Legendary loch beast
**24** Some cozy seats
**27** Emmy winner Neuwirth
**30** Go over
**31** Country name on an Irish euro
**32** Raving
**33** Loses traction
**34** Lead-in to plan B
**35** Terrify
**36** Berate severely



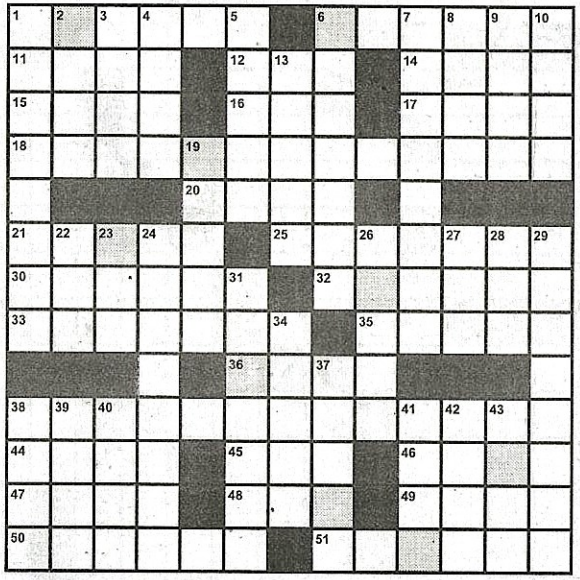


**38** More convincingly, in Latin
**39** New Zealand ethnic
**42** Rockslide debris
**44** How some popcorn is popped
**45** Nephric
**46** Keeps ticking
**48** Prefix meaning large
**52** Elementary sch. class
**54** Farmland area's quality
**55** School auxiliaries, for short
**60** Change-resisting tendency
**61** Andean relative of a camel
**62** Secured against leakage
**63** Capital near the Adriatic Sea
**64** Rustic abodes
**65** Sarge, for one
**67** Nature spirit of Greek myth
**68** Come to a standstill
**70** Oodles
**71** Enter one's credentials
**72** Wingless bloodsucker
**73** Weight-loss ad caption
**75** Change the style of, as a room
**76** Huge quantity
**79** More than an aficionado

* *For solutions, see page 132*

# 45 Single scene

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a film director's screen appearance***



## ACROSS

1 Snipers' aids
6 Certain grad
11 What an optimist always has
12 Equine critter
14 Gravy thickener
15 Five breakers
16 Mushy food
17 Adjured
18 Easy
20 Terminer's partner, in law
21 Mothers of inventions
25 Small Blu-ray foregoer
30 Signaled affirmation
32 Announcement of an event
33 Pony's speed increaser
35 Supply new weapons
36 Brilliant display of color
38 Jerry Cantrell's rock band
44 Losing badly
45 Pressure preceder
46 'Let's get going!'
47 Fall for a joke
48 Sports org. with Canadian teams
49 Neck area
50 They're positive
51 Alpine grazers

## DOWN

1 Talked very loudly
2 Mass. neighbor
3 Fuel cartel acronym
4 Argentine coin
5 Sickeningly sweet
6 Common pain reliever
7 Town resident
8 Liquid defense
9 Stocking shade
10 Callously fired
13 Infamous witch trial site
19 Saunter, western style
22 'What ___ care?'
23 Teacher's advanced deg.
24 Compulsively dependent
26 Toward the Arctic Circle
27 Day, in Peru
28 Old taping device
29 Lord's manorial lands
31 Large smelly Asian fruits
34 Bit of salt
37 Eyelike designs
38 Jessica of movies
39 Been recumbent
40 Analogy part
41 Adolescent spots
42 Big screen theater
43 Casual refusal

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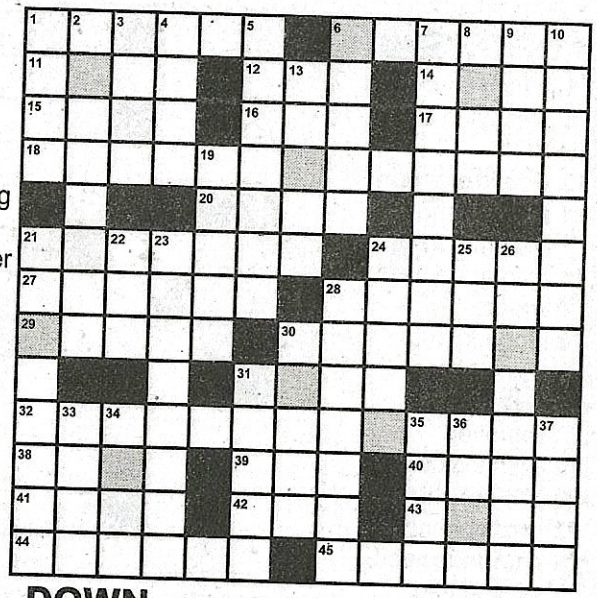
# Soul collector 46

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***afterlife guide, in Korean mythology***



## ACROSS

1 Cause's partner
6 One of the web search engines
11 Cry of a donkey
12 Italian food ending
14 Spinless particle
15 Riddick ___, boxer
16 Government div. headed by the attorney general
17 Antiquated interjection
18 9 a.m. at the end of a weekend
20 Yoda-like
21 Hunger
24 Lien, say
27 Garden work
28 Possibility
29 Feeling badly about
30 Hangs in the hammock
31 Mischief
32 Folk rock band of the 60s (with The)
38 Eponymous ice skater Paulsen
39 Luau wreath
40 De-intensify
41 Deli directive
42 Puerto Rico hrs
43 Mr. Maverick
44 Imbue with consciousness
45 Portico containing a long bench

## DOWN

1 Eases off
2 Affected elegance
3 Stag's daughter
4 Checked out visually
5 Straightening up
6 Action figure with kung-fu grip
7 Office design type
8 1958 Leslie Caron title role
9 Advance of cash
10 Chess conclusions
13 Asian menu promise letters
19 Really impressing
21 Conversion coating method
22 ___-O-U
23 Highly-spiced Indian curry
24 Innocent victim
25 Film director Lee
26 Summer quencher
28 Smokeless explosive
30 Olympic pool divisions
31 Islamic equivalent of kosher
33 Nerve cell hair-like extension
34 Drive units, briefly
35 Parisian cleric
36 Pal on the ranch
37 Words with date or trap

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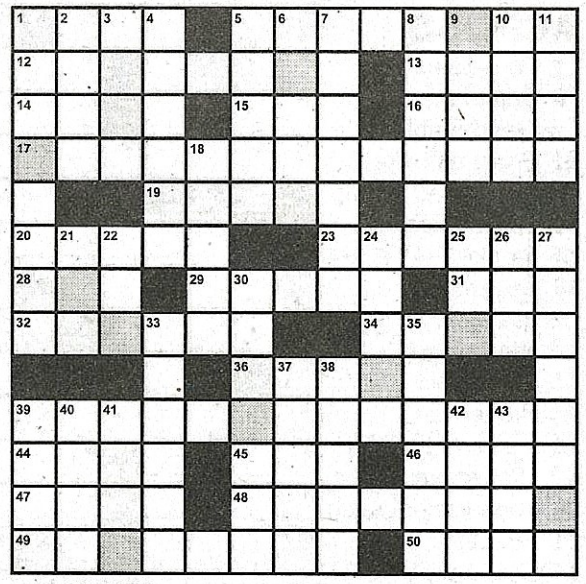
# 47 Lost artefacts

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***video game with a female archaeologist***



## ACROSS

1 It may be thrown
5 Certifying one
12 Stain
13 Poetic pronoun
14 Quite some distance away
15 Printer resolution meas.
16 Sounds from the amazed
17 News crew member
19 Fishhook line
20 Kind of chip
23 Had coming
28 Still undecided, on a sched.
29 Required things
31 Stinging buzzer
32 Wave rider on a board
34 Crowned heads of old
36 Related to element #76
39 Sweet flavor with a twist
44 Just slightly
45 Super ending?
46 Going boldly
47 Ring loudly
48 Cluster around a center
49 It's found in numbers, they say
50 Toy used on a snowy hill

## DOWN

1 Legendary very hard stones
2 Colonial flute
3 Words before risk or stake
4 Process, as cereal
5 Tennis pro Agassi
6 Tevye portrayer
7 Warbled
8 Impresario
9 Bangkok cuisine
10 Exclamations of wonderment
11 Reddish-brown color
18 ___ hand
21 Kleptomaniac film monkey
22 Naval officer below Capt.
24 Not dormant
25 ESPN media partner
26 Always, in odes
27 (Of seawater) made potable
30 Disintegrating
33 State of fitness
35 Views
37 Advance observer
38 Drill command
39 Tree fluids
40 Second in crime
41 Deceiver
42 Square ___
43 One-named designer

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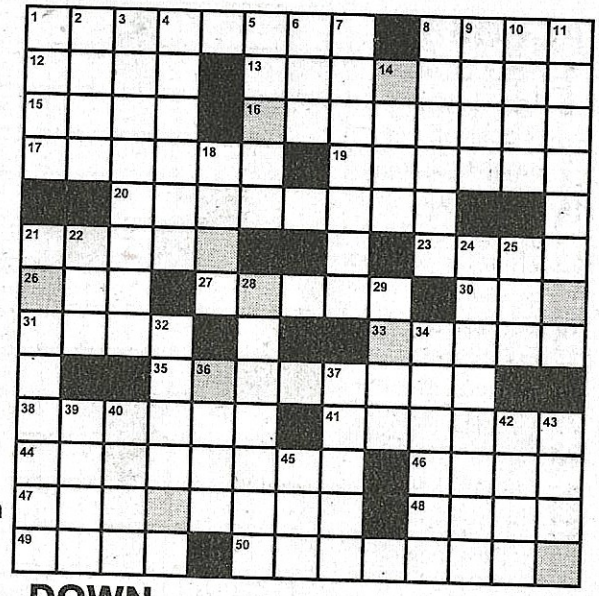
# School entangler 48

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a piece of equipment on a smack***



## ACROSS

1 Answered all together
8 Gender abbr.
12 Sharpen, as a knife
13 Desecrator
15 Musk of the 2022 Twitter saga
16 Type of captive
17 Earth layer
19 Fuel gas
20 Corpse
21 Ski resort aids
23 Word from the Sanskrit for queen
26 Greet warmly
27 "The Lion King" protagonist
30 Atlanta-based channel
31 Start of a witness' statement
33 "Holberg Suite" composer
35 Firmly fixed
38 Largest city of the Bahamas
41 Leave suddenly
44 Possible to prevent
46 Minor start?
47 Bootleggers' hunter
48 Confessional confessions
49 Surgery souvenir
50 Fashionable elite

## DOWN

1 Sci. class
2 Granada greeting
3 Five Nations tribe
4 Summer resident, often
5 Did cloak-and-dagger work
6 Suffix for east
7 Online biz flop
8 One exaggerating suffering
9 Ballet legend Pavlova
10 Met with
11 Crawling quietly
14 Long-lasting dispute
18 Young lady in Edinburgh
21 Paint solvents
22 School carrier
24 Abnormal body tissues alkalinity reduction
25 Hurricane hdg
28 Certain demon
29 Farmer's prefix
32 Spendthrift
34 Banquet
36 Chapati relative
37 Covent Garden production
39 With, to Pierre
40 Hindu god of ruin
42 Speeder's penalty
43 Expeditious
45 Moon craft, briefly

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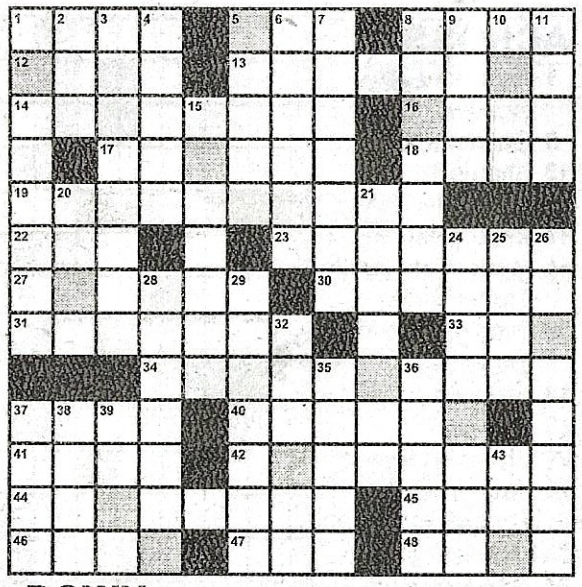
# Fun time

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a not-very-serious person quality***



## ACROSS

1 Has a balance
5 Against the opposition
8 Blogger Drudge
12 1957 song "Arrivederci ___"
13 Written vindication
14 Substitutes
16 Son's head?
17 Future oaks
18 Pastoral poem
19 Small gap
22 Federal med. research agency
23 Being a blip
27 Omits, in speech
30 Most common form in nature of the element #53
31 Breaks, in a way
33 Brazil city, in brief
34 Whip-poor-will's relative
37 Eliminated, mob-style
40 Manicurists
41 Fundraising event, perhaps
42 Corresponding directly
44 'Sure thing!'
45 Affirmation exclamation
46 Guns the engine
47 'Spring forward' acronym
48 Critical evaluation

## DOWN

1 Decreed
2 Sadness
3 Emotionally sensitive
4 Bechamel, e.g.
5 Expos
6 Willing to try
7 "Barber of Seville" composer
8 Motion picture preview
9 Improved, as cheese
10 Insignificant
11 Shadow, in a whodunit
15 Aquatic rocket
20 Water seen in Sudan
21 Mallet sport
24 Rayless
25 In ___ (even)
26 Turn to a new setting
28 Hottest time of the year
29 Type of restaurant
32 Reeks
35 Icy forecast
36 Onetime Yugoslavian
37 Aircraft designer Sikorsky
38 Birthday ___
39 Peak stat.
43 Old Tetris runner, briefly

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# Mrs. Pookie

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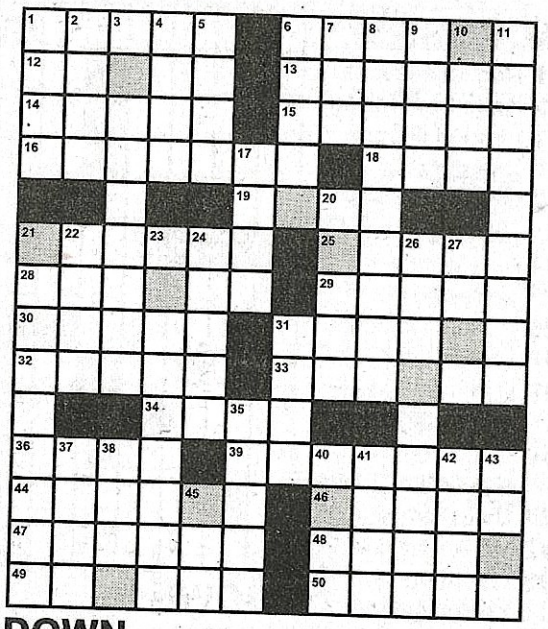
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a singer and a Broadway legend***



## ACROSS

1 Pizza flavoring
6 Sothern African cattle enclosures
12 Actress Blunt
13 Future flies
14 Keen observer
15 Period between server shutdowns
16 Cold case reviver, often (abbr.)
18 Word after best or worst
19 Southern French coast color
21 Having no feet
25 Atomizer outputs
28 Drain channel
29 Rounded mass
30 Precept
31 Moon of Saturn
32 Was given no other option
33 Amphitheaters
34 Growth, briefly
36 Power-inverter letters
39 Decorative cords on uniforms (var.)
44 Old British Conservatives
46 "The Maltese Falcon" actor
47 Alpinist's aid
48 NBA's Shaquille
49 Originated
50 New Hampshire state mineral

## DOWN

1 Crook
2 Pharaoh's deity
3 Loosen up
4 '___ it get to me'
5 Cousin of a harp
6 Butterfingers
7 Talk to a beat
8 Small blood pipe to a capillary
9 Tel ___, Israel
10 Poor, as an excuse
11 Clairvoyant women
17 Bargain bonanza
20 Burnt pigment
21 One with an inhaler
22 Courtroom declaration
23 Food plans maker
24 ___ impulse
26 More gracile
27 Casserole variety
31 Mata ___ (spy)
35 Examined before a job
37 First name in fragrances
38 Three, in Berlin
40 Mayo serving
41 Without help
42 Airplane seat part
43 Move goods
45 PC program suffix

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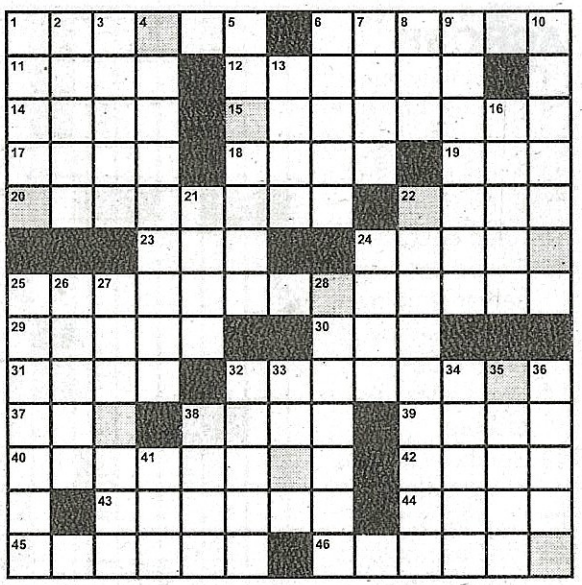
# 51 Good luck

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***wedding lingerie part***



## ACROSS

1 Rocket sections
6 Keep from falling
11 Land of llamas and alpacas
12 Spanish sword-making town
14 ___ Moran, actress
15 Patient waiting
17 Words after 'Wait'
18 Passage preventers
19 Doubled, a ballroom dance
20 Switched clips
22 Walk-way link
23 Overtime necessitator
24 Herd, as cattle
25 Large warship
29 Coins in many Old World states
30 Diplomat's HQ
31 'Put ___ writing!'
32 Efficient light sources
37 Beanery brew
38 Kind of dorm
39 Morning's end
40 Publishable
42 Italian river
43 Withstand
44 Comic Jay ___
45 Magic-lamp occupants
46 Type of dessert apple

## DOWN

1 Bit of asparagus
2 Compendious
3 Aquatic Disney princess
4 Smokeless powder explosive
5 Straphanger, e.g.
6 Used diligently
7 Bordeaux, e.g.
8 Harem area
9 Stadium rainwear
10 Crowd ___
13 Woodwind instrument
16 Baked-potato garnish
21 Feels sick
22 Courtlike institutions
24 Oversimplify, with down
25 Host city of the 2008 Olympics
26 Lincoln and Ford
27 Checks the fit of
28 European grazer
32 Western prowlers
33 Fish that resemble snakes
34 Oral histories
35 Adjective with chance or fortune
36 Slangy nose
38 Start to fear while on the sea?
41 News-service initials

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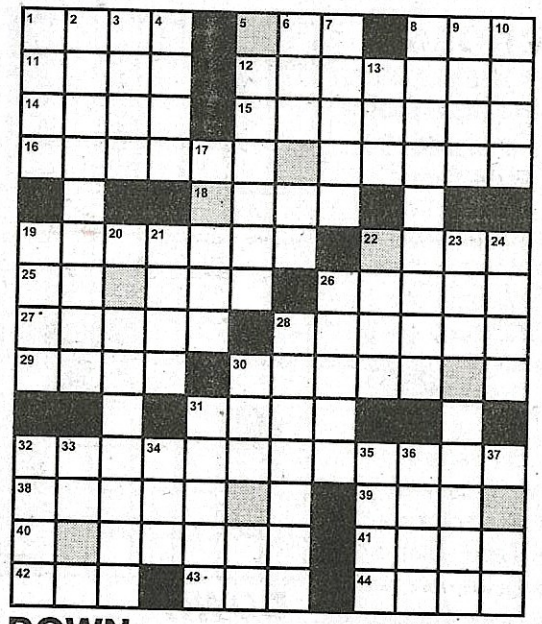
# Sporty lawn 52

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***one of the Grand Slam tournaments***



## ACROSS

1 Protective cloths
5 Ironically amusing
8 Adder alarm
11 Sport's phrase
12 Really small amount of alcohol
14 British northerner
15 Sweet home state
16 Common problems
18 Money-making plant
19 Paint remover component
22 Bra specification
25 Pertain
26 Baton-wielding Zubin
27 Come with
28 Church choral works
29 Quick cash sources, initially
30 Magnetic flux density units
31 Revolver brand
32 "Get Smart" star
38 Deadly poison
39 'This looks bad'
40 Vocalizes
41 Minor shaving accident
42 Redhead maker
43 Suffix for many gym drinks
44 Counterattacking sports blade

## DOWN

1 Big kahuna
2 Acting jointly
3 Frat house VIP
4 Space exploration acronym
5 Anti-Moby Dick operation
6 Cover the surface with cloth again
7 Breadmaker's ingredient
8 Makes watertight
9 Copycat's request
10 Some deck installations
13 Letters on a dumbbell
17 Sitting with
19 "Waterloo" band
20 Knock out
21 A lot
22 Raises, say
23 Comment
24 Mountain route
26 Tongue setting
28 White lap dog
30 Pushed
31 Nice dinnerware
32 Folic, for one
33 Abbr. on Manhattan mail
34 Precedes ugh?
35 Impressive rating
36 Senate figure
37 Farm hookup

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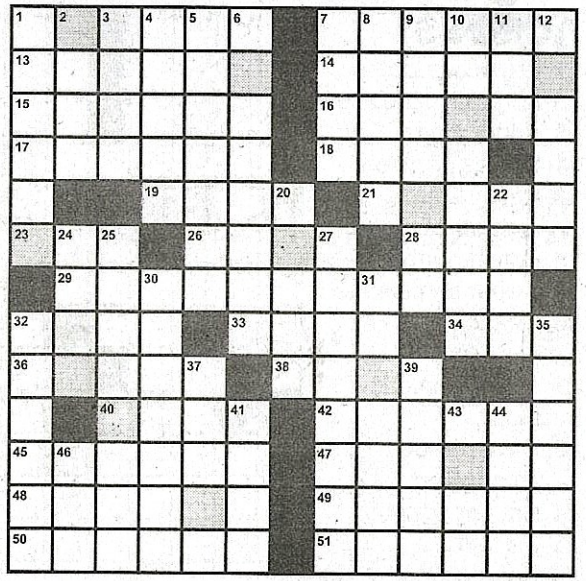
# 53 "I, Tonya"

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an Australian actress from Queensland***



## ACROSS

**1** A quantity or total
**7** Historical span
**13** Outer covering of the eye
**14** Less sensible
**15** Libyan port known for a WWII siege
**16** Member of a choir
**17** Kind of training
**18** Misty condition
**19** Court pro Steffi
**21** Pair of dots
**23** Oversharing initialism
**26** Start of a spell
**28** Teen outcast
**29** Extremely happy
**32** Carve into surface of something
**33** Take as a bride
**34** The Cowboys of the NCAA
**36** Fashion designer Vuitton
**38** Bartenders run them
**40** Sounds of disgust
**42** Apple pie spice
**45** No. 5 company
**47** Actress Foy of "The Crown"
**48** Be unsteady on one's feet
**49** Enjoys a home-cooked meal
**50** Beer hall mugs
**51** Sonnet conclusion

## DOWN

**1** Pantomime, say
**2** Tide influencer
**3** Poetic peepers
**4** Strip of sails
**5** Supporting neither side
**6** Accept recognition
**7** Course
**8** PC progenitor
**9** Medieval Italian lyric poems
**10** Hollywood resident, e.g.
**11** It's barely passable
**12** Brief mission
**20** Common still-life subject
**22** Mine minerals
**24** Japanese sleuth Mr. ___
**25** Develop gradually
**27** Improvements
**30** Tuscan red wine
**31** Stardust
**32** Puts in, in a way
**35** Of immediate importance
**37** Martin of "Apocalypse Now"
**39** Numerical facts, for short
**41** Camera choices
**43** Very low cloud
**44** Big name in canals
**46** Scorching

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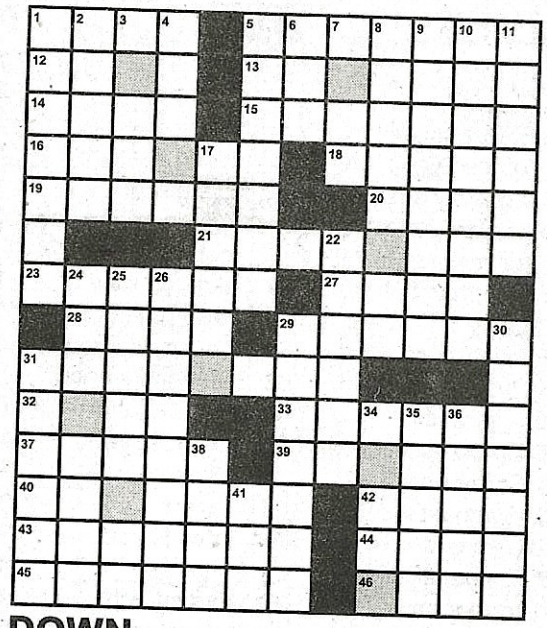
# Economic conflict 54

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a method of waging war without an army***



## ACROSS

**1** Ambush
**5** Summertime beverage
**12** Get high
**13** Kind of contest
**14** Start of an aside
**15** Acting Parsons
**16** Oppressor
**18** Gown fabric
**19** Expression of surprise
**20** Titular classic video game island
**21** Skunk relatives
**23** Four-wheel covered carriage
**27** Peel like a potato
**28** Court figure
**29** Big numbers
**31** Old saloon receptacle
**32** Tilting-tower locale
**33** Of overcup oak leaves' shape
**37** Rainforest ape, in brief
**39** Tobacco user
**40** Was heard loudly and clearly
**42** Downsized version
**43** Confine
**44** College figure, for short
**45** Harder to climb
**46** ___- serif (font choice)

## DOWN

**1** Hindrance
**2** Longtime NBA coach Pat
**3** Major tea source
**4** Part of a bouquet, perhaps
**5** Peek-a-boo declaration
**6** Price abbr.
**7** Satisfies the appetite
**8** Perfect wheels
**9** Lance wielders' fighting area
**10** Army volunteer
**11** Deal negotiators
**17** Give, as knowledge
**22** Derived name
**24** Hopeful
**25** Annoyance
**26** Brush unruly hair
**29** Cellphone's place
**30** Muslim officials (var.)
**31** Pollen bits
**34** Escapades
**35** Filmmaker Kurosawa
**36** Mortise's partner, in carpentry
**38** Something to smear
**41** Application, as of a product

* For solutions, see page 137

# 55 Criminal empire

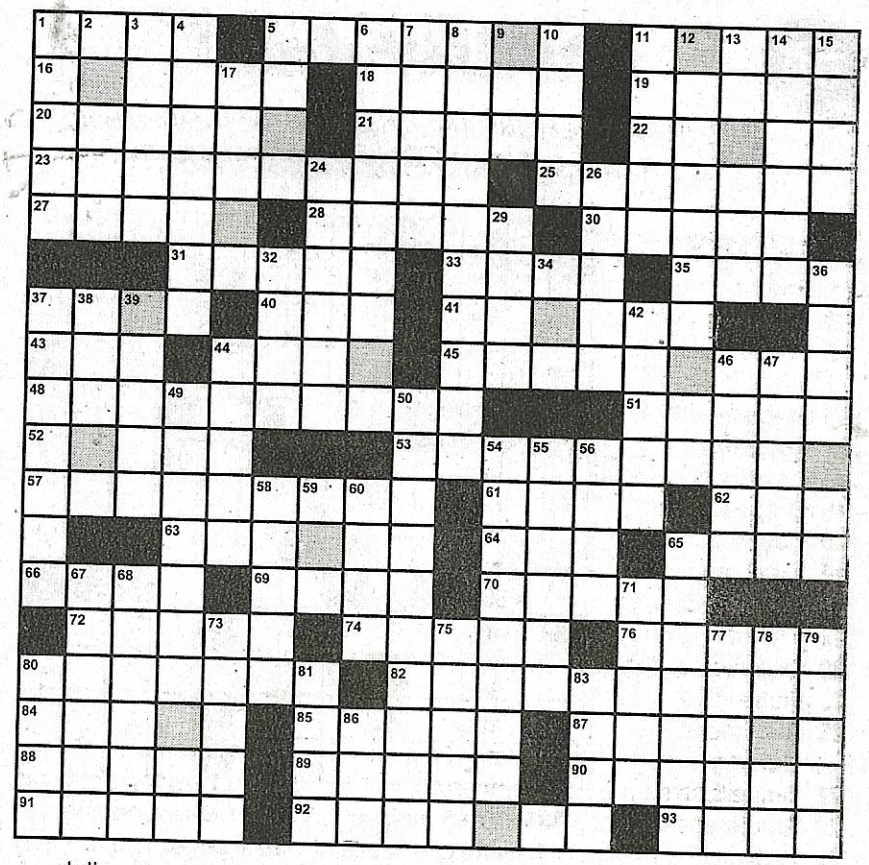
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out **2007 Ridley Scott's movie***

## ACROSS

**1** Egg on
**5** Track
**11** Blockbuster
**16** Tool's '98 Grammy song
**18** Modern slang for applaud
**19** Command after Copy
**20** Inventor of radiation detector
**21** ___ cavity
**22** Opening in college
**23** Forerunner
**25** Gymnast's garment
**27** Timberlake's former band
**28** English county near London
**30** Fashion cut
**31** Early explorer of North America
**33** Carrots platemates
**35** ___ now (so far)
**37** Pardon me, British-style
**40** Pre-1868 Tokyo
**41** Temper by heat treatment
**43** Radio freq. unit
**44** Tow along
**45** Extremely heavy gaming equipment seen in pubs
**48** Decay naturally
**51** Miscounted, say
**52** ___ alia (among other things)
**53** Making the land more arable
**57** Monstrous creatures
**61** Take ___ view of (frown on)
**62** Summer in Lyon
**63** 3.262 light-years
**64** Animation still
**65** Baseball star's nickname
**66** Clatters
**69** Hated Roman emperor
**70** Nutrient-rich cabbages
**72** Bind together
**74** Start
**76** Anime cousin
**80** Indonesian capital
**82** Genres
**84** Superachievers
**85** Where the Minoans lived
**87** Software with a store
**88** Surfers visit them
**89** Nobelist Curie
**90** Become more forgiving
**91** Gobs
**92** Put down
**93** Distinctive times of history

## DOWN

**1** Astronomy figure
**2** Hammer parts
**3** Concord
**4** Sovereignty substitute
**5** Like barely cooked steaks
**6** Prairie transport
**7** Singer Faith
**8** Printed garbage
**9** Comes ___ price
**10** Scream
**11** Wind or unwind
**12** Kung fu, for one
**13** Chinese speakers, for example
**14** Not mono
**15** Had in hand
**17** The birthplace of Mohammed
**24** National tree of Pakistan
**26** Artist's stand
**29** Strange prefix
**32** Huge ice block
**34** "Wheel of Fortune" buy
**36** Covered with feathers
**37** Quaffed
**38** Give a great performance
**39** Mercury, in alchemy
**42** Collection of the best talent
**44** Stuffed deli



delicacy
**46** Thorny plant (var.)
**47** Really slow, in sheet music
**49** Firmly established
**50** Unsettle
**54** Fraudulent businessman
**55** Come up with something
**56** Underwater breathing organ
**58** Self-contradictory afterthought
**59** Deadly fly, when doubled
**60** Captain America, for one
**65** Under normal circumstances
**67** Leaning to the right, in a way
**68** 1990 Luc Besson movie about an assassin
**71** Express over-the-top feelings
**73** Beauty shop sweeping
**75** French composer Erik ___
**77** Golden State gridder, for short
**78** Davis of Hollywood
**79** Bus. aides
**80** Old heavyweight champ Willard
**81** Highest point (of something)
**83** Encircle
**86** Competed politically

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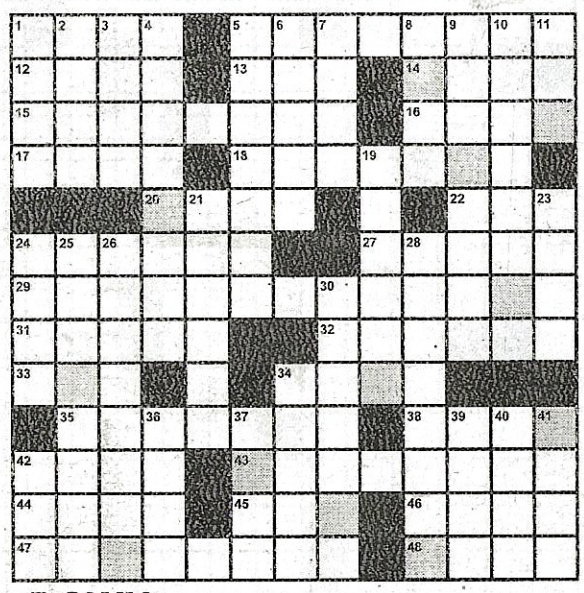
# 56 "Surfin' USA"

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***iconic Californian rock band***



## ACROSS

1 Bunk
5 Folded headgear
12 Full of malicious intent
13 Inst. founded by Jefferson
14 Country club buys
15 Slipped back
16 Hawaiian seafood
17 'Dear lady' alternative
18 Wandering one
20 Lingerie catalog items
22 ABC rival
24 Come to light
27 Beyond content
29 Smear and cover to punish
31 Fish of the salmon family
32 Middle-distance runners
33 Purpose of GPS
34 Pet advocacy org.
35 Give a running commentary
38 Near (poetic)
42 Call starter?
43 Choir voice
44 Painters medium
45 Ear (prefix)
46 ___ awkward position
47 Obstructionist
48 Does some tailoring

## DOWN

1 Hand sanitizer's target
2 Eye section
3 Nike competitor
4 Burning torch
5 Very large Old World game bird
6 Declares with confidence
7 Big zero
8 At the summit
9 Mythical grief-erasing potion
10 Prohibition-era beverage
11 Eruption evidence
19 Pieced artwork
21 Tirade deliverer
23 USN officers
24 Mail-routing abbr.
25 Persecution delusion
26 In a verifiable way
28 Island swallowed by the sea
30 Absolute ruler
34 ___ of the Union
36 "Upside Down" singer Diana
37 Beyonce "If I Were ___"
39 Actress Skye of "Four Rooms"
40 Munch
41 Cooped cluckers
42 Harry Potter's best friend

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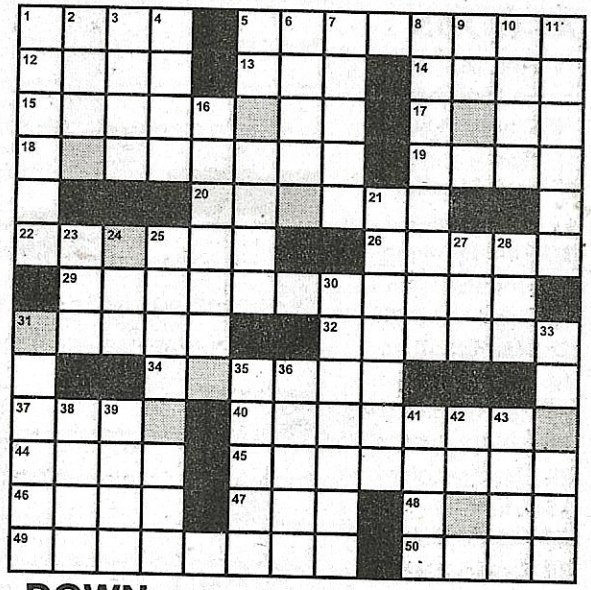
# Modern druid 57

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***certain wildlife protector***



## ACROSS

1 Follow directions
5 Can be assumed to come to pass
12 Opulence
13 PTA session
14 Stripe
15 Use, as one's resources
17 Spike, as a drink
18 Cold War competition
19 Misery causes
20 Warmly welcomes
22 Digital book copy
26 Hopeless, as a situation
29 Peculiar things
31 ___Zeneca (vaccine maker)
32 Correspondence opener of yore
34 In-between-molting phase of an insect's life
37 Alone, in a way
40 Ruminate
44 It preys on seals
45 Lively
46 Blowout win
47 Landscape sculptor Maya
48 Mountaineering challenge
49 Word processing choice
50 Retired race car driver Petty

## DOWN

1 Ripe period
2 Dueler with Hamilton
3 Dentist's offering
4 Conifers with elastic wood
5 Thick layers of pigment
6 Repute
7 De Mille of choreography
8 Land of Lincoln
9 Little fluid holder
10 Env. contents
11 "Taken" star Liam
16 Of Greek father of the Titans
21 For the time being
23 Computer lab purchase
24 Routine that tires
25 Hose down
27 Craven of horror movies
28 US ally since '48
30 Envision
31 Arrange by kind
33 Type of hammer
35 La ___, Milan
36 Invigorator
38 City fooled by a wooden horse
39 Small bra part
41 Bulletin board hardware
42 Words after worth
43 Bluish green

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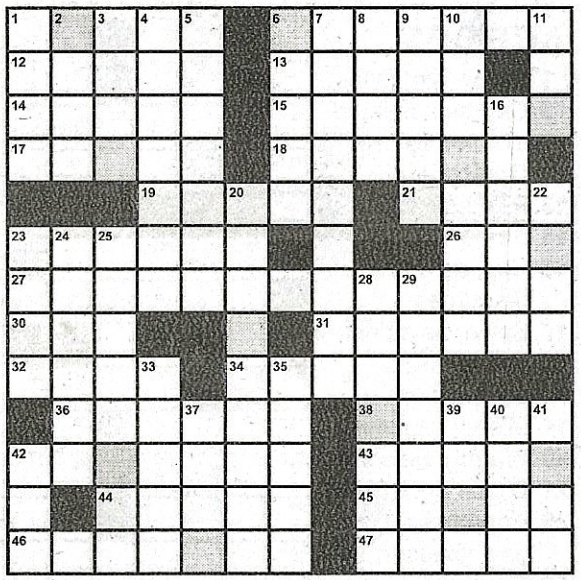
# 58 "Take it easy"

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Swahili phrase from "The Lion King" song***



## ACROSS

**1** Readies for swallowing
**6** Field judge
**12** Some computer memory
**13** Planet circlers
**14** First two-time Nobelist
**15** Snail, for one
**17** Purplish fruits
**18** Cockeyed
**19** Lop off branches
**21** Sci-fi speed
**23** Stout wool textile
**26** 'Mamma ___!'
**27** Vary excessively
**30** 8 on a phone
**31** Removes from a leash
**32** Construction zone warning
**34** Window fixer
**36** Acts like Romeo and Juliet
**38** Habitat
**42** On horseback, perhaps
**43** Prefix with -cycline or -hedron
**44** Chemical term after poly-
**45** Fire-___ (carnival performer)
**46** Studies again, as a manuscript
**47** Forms a blanket, in a way

## DOWN

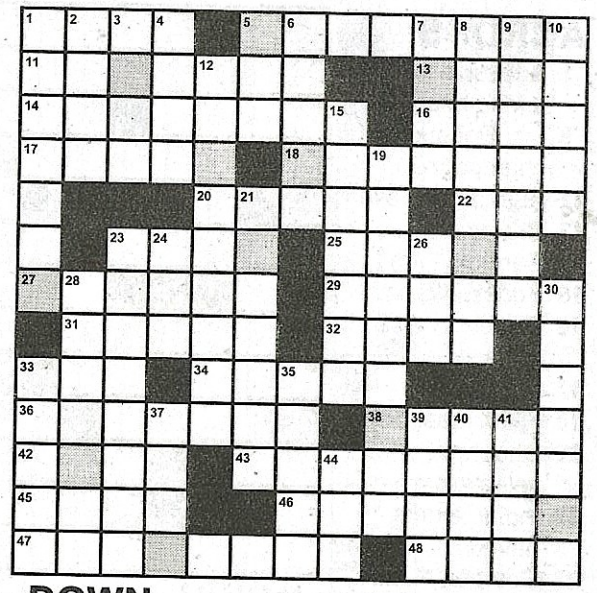
**1** Letters on Soyuz rockets
**2** Loot from a heist
**3** Hosiery color, often
**4** Complaint
**5** Gets angry
**6** Mideast capital once called Philadelphia
**7** Mount Rushmore president
**8** Flax capsule
**9** Wedding acquisition
**10** Destructive waves
**11** President's brother who was also killed (inits)
**16** Trouble
**20** Freed
**22** Picks up the bill
**23** Clever sayings
**24** Little eggs
**25** Insurgent
**28** Revolves
**29** Vegetarian staple
**33** Inferior
**35** Apps reviewers
**37** Gyro bread
**39** Palindromic old German name
**40** Sketched
**41** Convenient pencil perches
**42** Shortened, as a ref. book

* *For solutions, see page 139*



# Business snapshot 59

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an end-of-year financial summary***



## ACROSS

**1** Castaway's escape vehicle
**5** Swelled out
**11** Person enforcing payment
**13** Celeb's wheels
**14** Members' place for socializing
**16** "Ed Wood" star
**17** Nation on the equator
**18** Aircraft engine casing
**20** Horrible
**22** 50s sitcom staple
**23** File-drawer abbr.
**25** "The Wild Duck" dramatist
**27** Theatrical
**29** Came closer
**31** Starbucks option
**32** Shore eagles
**33** ___ Angeles, CA
**34** Peripheries
**36** Separate
**38** Semiaquatic behemoth
**42** Exclusive of anything else
**43** Hacker, maybe
**45** Woman soccer player Morgan
**46** Eye-dropper
**47** Out-heart blood pumping acts
**48** Big job for a housekeeper

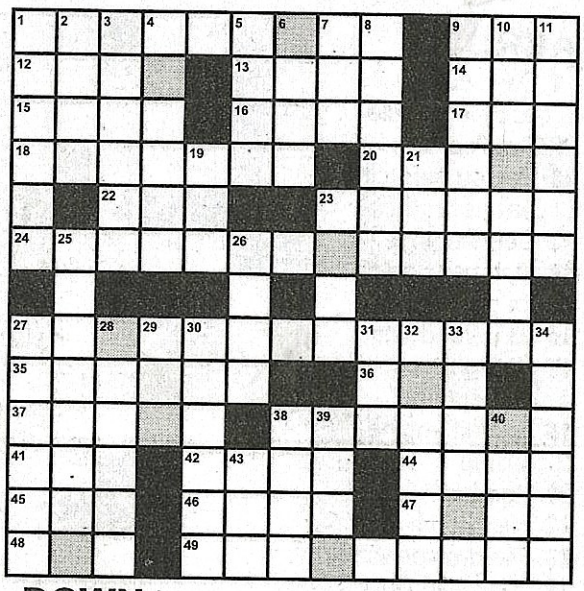
## DOWN

**1** Supposes
**2** Ferris wheel component
**3** Mythic man-goat
**4** Big inits in frozen desserts
**5** Fan's complaint
**6** Some golf bag clubs
**7** Antique shop adjective
**8** Ones exerting, as authority
**9** Enter a Boeing's board (var.)
**10** Worked (out)
**12** Caused to pass over
**15** Movie choice
**19** Make online purchases
**21** Says yes
**23** Portions
**24** Amt. compounded at a bank
**26** Antonio or Juan
**28** Strictly
**30** Actress Del Rio
**33** Tibetan nobility
**35** Vine berry
**37** Immediately after
**39** Gossip magazine twosome
**40** Baseball's Rose
**41** Stock options
**44** Again in the music notes

* *For solutions, see page 140*

# 60 Mysterious sequence

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***information carried by a double helix***



## ACROSS

1 Adhesive for a fake beard
9 ___ Perignon champagne
12 Attended an event
13 Career bio
14 Cardium intro
15 Yodeling range
16 DuVernay and Gardner
17 Aggravate
18 Filled meat dish
20 Chophouse selection
22 Indian tourist haven
23 Coarser, as hair
24 Stomatologist's data
27 Seen-from-space Earth charts
35 Bitcoin, e.g.
36 Command to Rex
37 Gunstock carving
38 Motel sign
41 Lady of Sp.
42 Hurtful
44 Type of music or food
45 Unagi, in sushi bars
46 Grammar class faux-pas
47 Besides that
48 Age proofs, briefly
49 Horse's headgear parts

## DOWN

1 Cowering
2 ___ Alto, California
3 Challenge as false
4 Schedule again
5 Message from a sponsor
6 Make a donation
7 Multiple Tony winner Hagen
8 Varnish resin
9 Obligation
10 Became frank
11 Studio technicians
19 Org. with towers
21 Dude's kin
23 Sunset locale
25 Captivated
26 ___ of the valley
27 Judo master
28 Demolishes
29 Env. add-in
30 Big name in 2008 financial news
31 PC panic button
32 Really bad atmosphere
33 When many go to lunch
34 Distinctive dress designs
38 Some car-pooling vehicles
39 Start to build a pot
40 Lemon ___
43 Popular rural song ender

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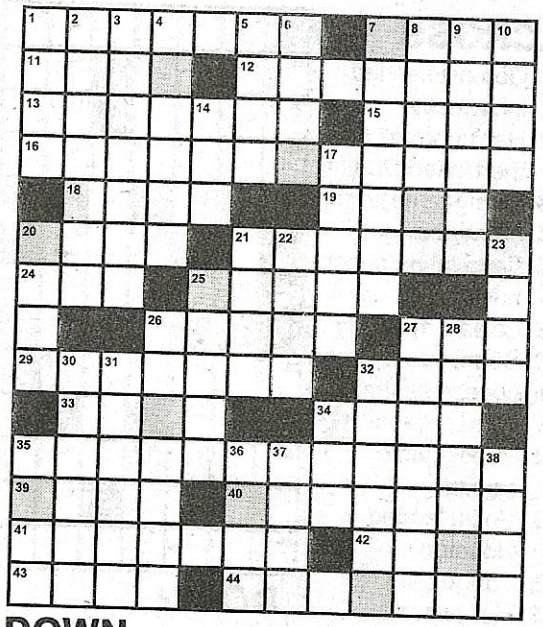
# Symbol of purity 61

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a sacred plant growing in the mud***



## ACROSS

1 Cleared, as tree roots
7 Place, in legalese
11 Certain iPod
12 Dash or relay recordings
13 Kiev's country
15 Cabbie's passenger
16 Of fish in a hoppy coating
18 Marquis de ___
19 Join at the edge
20 Conventions, for short
21 Massage method
24 Artfully shy
25 Simulate
26 Gifted children supporter
27 Morning light
29 Stops giving money
32 Deer enemy
33 Soapstone ingredient
34 Response to a rude remark
35 Radioactive by-product
39 "Garfield" dog
40 More diminutive
41 Some tuxes
42 Unlike one
43 Emails (abbr.)
44 Synthetic rubber compound

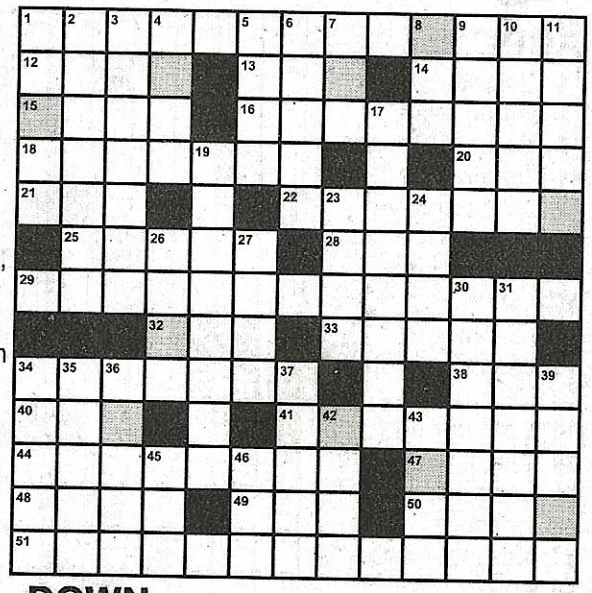
## DOWN

1 Rudely ignore
2 Begins liking
3 Off guard
4 Theater stage
5 Italy's biggest volcano
6 Consumption plan
7 Permanent prohibition
8 Mired
9 White-plumed herons
10 Previously owned
14 'Can ___ next?'
17 Snow forest
20 Type of missile
21 Dispatch
22 Snake's warning
23 Bone in the arm
25 Burglar's partner
26 1980s favorite hairdos
27 Able to influence
28 Numerous
30 Music school assignments
31 Directly opposite
32 Woodworking machine
34 EU member
35 Cultural standard
36 Cobbler's tools
37 Sit for a spell
38 Bald eagle's cousin

* For solutions, see page 141

# 62 Election day

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***1999 R. Witherspoon's memorable role***



## ACROSS

1 Comprehended incorrectly
12 Hailing from the United St.
13 One ___ million
14 For two singers
15 Calculating bunch, briefly
16 Chad's main city
18 Spanish nobleman
20 Hi-tech scanning tech
21 Paper-game winner
22 Vocal legend Houston
25 Tangelos
28 Hollywood's Lupino
29 Head cook's helper
32 Light-hearted
33 Girlish giggle
34 Calumniate
38 NYC line
40 Big number, slangily
41 The largest moon of Uranus
44 Scopes
47 Directing surname
48 Take the initiative
49 Writer Rand of objectivism
50 Elongated tooth
51 Insect anatomy specialists

## DOWN

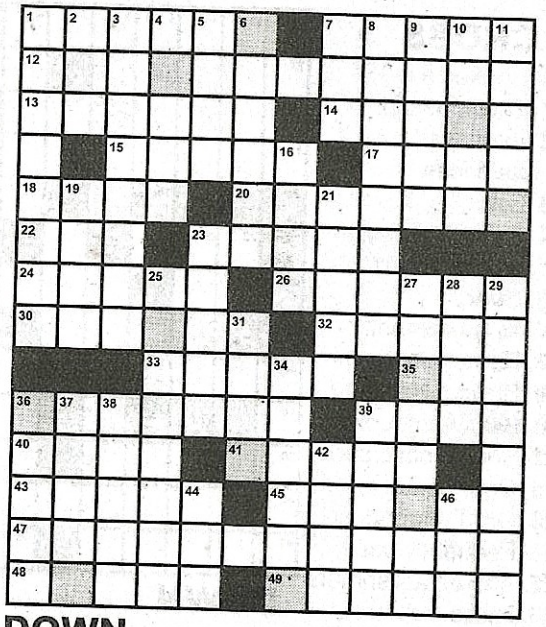
1 Exaggeratedly masculine
2 Disrespectful
3 Tars
4 ___ Minor
5 Slight negative mark
6 Finance
7 Reign in India
8 Bagpiper's accessory
9 Old theater
10 Postal rate unit
11 Sweetie pie
17 Decisive appraisal
19 Having plenty of free time
23 Tiny bit of a clue
24 Dashboard device, in brief
26 Prison sentence
27 RR stops
30 Atrocious
31 Supremely spooky
34 Walk along
35 ___ song (enticing plea)
36 Feature of some trousers
37 Word on a vintage gas pump
39 War vehicles
42 Money ___ object
43 Opening on Broadway?
45 Busy activity
46 Chinese 'way'

* *For solutions, see page 141*



# Bartholomew JoJo 63

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***the longest-running American animated series***



## ACROSS

1 Wolffish
7 Gnat
12 Imaginary persons in series
13 Bistro, e.g.
14 Farm measures
15 Half-hearted
17 Anathema
18 Like a church mouse
20 Khrushchev and Mazepin
22 College URL part
23 Spiny leaved plant
24 Musical repeat symbol
26 Car's tank cover
30 Common slogan spot
32 Ringo of the Beatles
33 Sports car roofs
35 Mine, in Napoli
36 Settles in advance
39 Barely go (through)
40 German wheels
41 ___-pop (music genre)
43 Quick cut
45 Wolf's kin
47 Vinyl nitrile ice sport headgear
48 Restless with anticipation
49 Comes down as frozen pellets

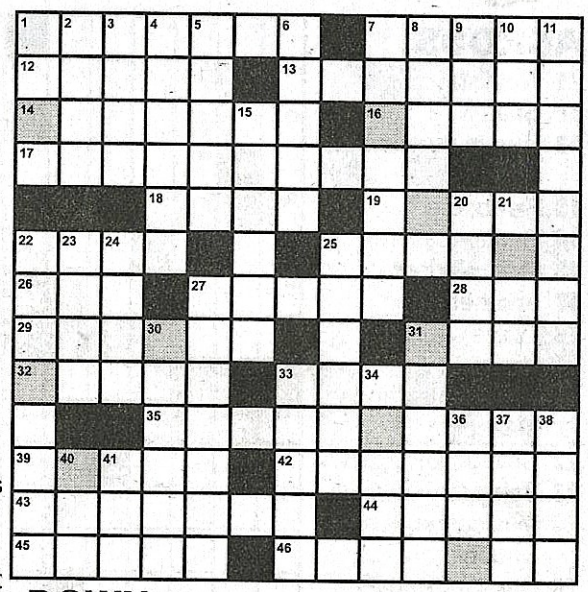
## DOWN

1 Least gradual
2 Mrs. Perón
3 Not showing weakness
4 Tide alternative
5 50-and-over org.
6 Stressful
7 Universal Music Group co.
8 Most irritating, as a textile
9 Free of vermin
10 ___ Garbo, actress
11 Snakelike letters
16 Bishop's dir.
19 Lofty verses
21 Belarusian beer
23 Blood distributor
25 Is pedantic
27 Got back to the family and pets
28 First name in auto racing
29 Fast turbine engine planes
31 Pile in a playroom
34 Excites, with up
36 Titled Turk
37 Bad sentence
38 Undemocratic law
39 Type
42 Christmas refrain
44 Critically important
46 Asian festival

* *For solutions, see page 142*

# 64 Garden on a plate

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a guilt-free meal***



## ACROSS

1 Shakes a leg
7 Tasty, as dip
12 Increased, as prices
13 Back
14 Only state that's also a country
16 Over, as an ailment
17 Removal
18 Biblical vessels
19 Backward-looking
22 Snowmobile parts
25 Ornamental bands
26 Old TV broadcast frequency band
27 Anti-establishment figure
28 Mobile CPR provider
29 Acrobatic dive
31 Hazards a guess
32 Detractors
33 Request for treats, perhaps
35 Winter tourist elevators
39 Caveman-style, as a diet
42 New Jersey tea
43 Personification
44 Puff Daddy's "___ Missing You"
45 Monks superior
46 City in Germany carpet bombed at the end of WWII

## DOWN

1 Extremely successful
2 Mountain climber's goal
3 Besmirch
4 Lunar highlands
5 Award for mystery writers
6 Minor fights
7 Sister-related
8 Ammonia compounds
9 Spacecraft compartment
10 'Who am ___ judge?'
11 Does a freezer chore
15 More gross
20 Duke Ellington's "Take ___ Train"
21 "Ratatouille" rat
22 Mange-tout
23 Conqueror Genghis' title
24 '___ ain't broke...'
25 Rigorous
27 Film again
30 Polite toward
31 Eddies
33 Overwhelmed
34 Chestnut
36 Origami move
37 Choice for Hamlet
38 Actress Anna
40 LAPD alert
41 Ad conclusion?

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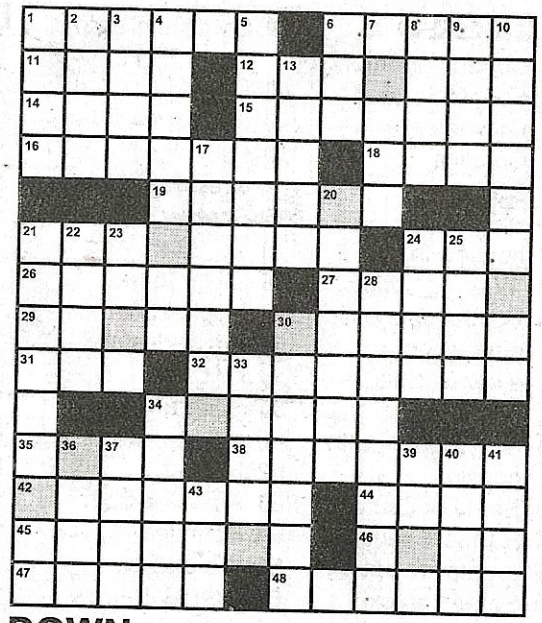
# "Let It Go" 65

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***the "Queen of Broadway"***



## ACROSS

1 Ancient chocolate drinkers
6 Engages in argument
11 Fertilize with manure
12 Dream-suggestive
14 Voice in the choir
15 Variety of cherry
16 Not-to-be-missed
18 Admission charge
19 Bluegrass singer ___ Vincent
21 Mexican estate
24 Phone button letters
26 Unselfish love kinds (var.)
27 Immobilize in winter
29 Less than less
30 Over-the-net entertainment with guilds, initially
31 Quagmire
32 Like flat shoes
34 Solidified, in a way
35 Not suckered by
38 Ventilation pipe
42 Enthusiasts
44 Words of disgust
45 Realms
46 Appreciate a performance
47 'Long time ___'
48 Dr. with an eponymous diet

## DOWN

1 Faith or Sandler
2 Radio code for Z
3 Explosives
4 Feats of conceit
5 Any individual
6 Rev.'s message
7 Christian art theme
8 The younger Guthrie
9 Lunar trench
10 Harsh reproofs
13 What infinity has
17 Put away a sword
20 German carmaker
21 Egg packaging unit
22 1958 Pulitzer winner James
23 "Back in the Game" actor
24 "Chicago" star
25 Places for holsters
28 Sparkling wine
30 McCarthy in Hollywood
33 Send sky-high
34 Angelina of "Salt"
36 Verne captain
37 Beer dispensers
39 Aptly named tropical fruit
40 High-kicker Jackie
41 Kitchen amts
43 Mine treasure

* For solutions, see page 143

# 66 Quiet mind

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an inspirational quote by James Joyce***

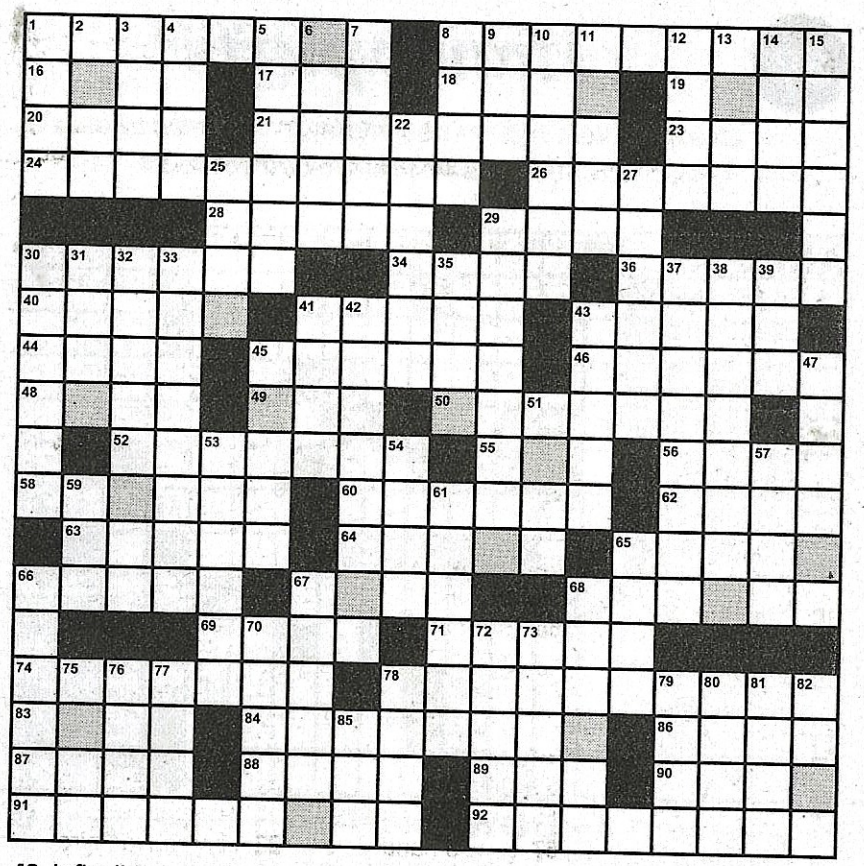
## ACROSS

**1** Coffee bar order
**8** Economic good
**16** Comedian Caroline
**17** Spr. mo
**18** Hanover housewife
**19** 'Was ___ loud?'
**20** Dutch astronomer after whom a space cloud is named
**21** Newspapers with gossip
**23** Bruce or Laura
**24** Random people
**26** Employed back
**28** Some karaoke selections
**29** Egypt-based opera
**30** Banded anteater
**34** Display an inclination
**36** ___ eclipse
**40** Mimic's forte
**41** Second-largest city in Florida
**43** "Li'l" guy
**44** 1988 hit "Tell ___ My Heart"
**45** Tense, as consonants
**46** Someone to feel sorry for
**48** Gaze
**49** Game similar to Crazy Eights
**50** Upgrades the factory
**52** Full or half wrestling holds
**55** Shatner's "___War"
**56** 'Clear to me', hippie-style
**58** Wood-destroying fungus
**60** Short uniform jacket
**62** Honker
**63** Abrasive cloth
**64** Bounded
**65** Whimpers
**66** Robber Barrow
**67** José's hand
**68** Sanguisorba plant
**69** Toward l'Arctique
**71** ___ the ropes
**74** Jewish scroll in a case fixed to the doorpost
**78** Intense cram session
**83** Partnership initiators
**84** Pacific hurricanes
**86** Hardly inept
**87** Zeroes
**88** Norse saga
**89** Afgh. neighbor
**90** Smoothie green
**91** Ascetic simplicity
**92** Caught

## DOWN

**1** Arrow-shooting deity
**2** 'Away!'
**3** Curl producer
**4** Hotel price
**5** Skipped
**6** Gardener's need
**7** Planet path
**8** Corp. budgetary execs
**9** Pref. meaning mouth
**10** Spain's capital
**11** Reflected
**12** Conn of "Grease"
**13** Brain passage
**14** Caused a rip in
**15** Thereabouts
**22** Literary vampire
**25** Annual event, briefly
**27** Company that got away with creating a monopoly
**29** Cordial
**30** Attached using a hammer
**31** Capable of
**32** Synecdoche
**33** Arranged by negotiation
**35** Mideast potentate
**37** Quick quip
**38** Falls short
**39** Line used in smear campaign
**41** Less than stereo





**42** Inflexible, as rules
**43** Greeted the day
**45** Antiquated
**47** Least minuscule
**51** Really annoyed, with off
**53** Songwriter Hart
**54** Delaying tactic word
**57** "Survivor" setting, often
**59** Confederate monogram
**61** Slayer of the Python
**65** Type of bean
**66** Caraway-like spices
**67** The worse side of Dr. Jekyll
**68** Enlivens
**70** Like porridge
**72** Avoid wedding formalities
**73** Former UN head from Ghana
**75** Check text for publication
**76** 19th-century French novelist
**77** Red letters of old
**78** Discovery accompaniers
**79** Maori ceremonial dance
**80** Transportation on the slopes
**81** Newsstand selection
**82** Tall grass that grows in swamps
**85** Organizations with precincts (abbr.)

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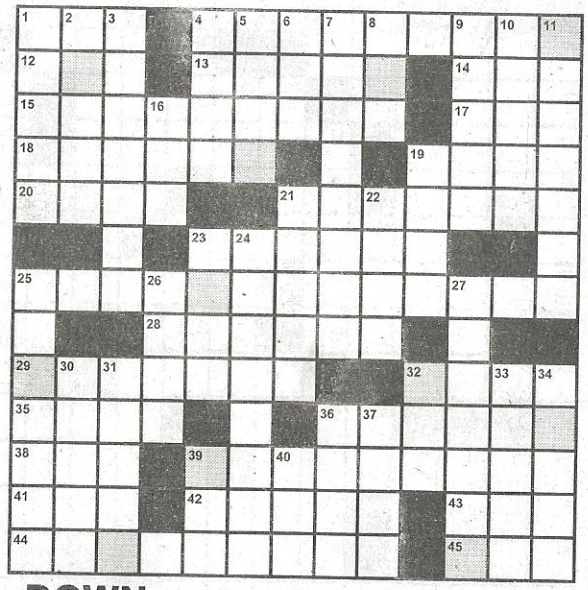
# 67 Honey puffs

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***sweet Greek street food***



## ACROSS

**1** Engine speed no.
**4** Like some twins
**12** Help wanted ad shorthand
**13** American alligator habitat
**14** Back then
**15** Guide wrongly
**17** Friendly dog's offering
**18** Strip, as corn
**19** London chap
**20** Momentarily incapacitate
**21** Crown-gingiva border
**23** Spanish-speaking quarter
**25** Bringing around
**28** Swaps
**29** Main note's intros, in music
**32** Attacks riotously
**35** Quaint after-school drink
**36** White House's vicinity
**38** Come before a landslide?
**39** Munching greedily
**41** Stands between partners?
**42** Neglects
**43** Beats on a graph, briefly
**44** Pods, in botany
**45** Coming up short

## DOWN

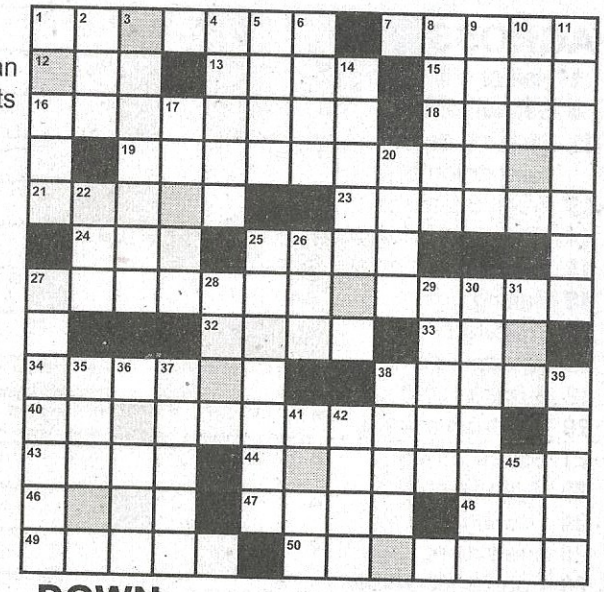
**1** Twin brother of Roman myth
**2** Exact moment
**3** Nuts, in Yiddish
**4** Heron cousin
**5** Pessimistic
**6** Storm center
**7** Picture of a night scene
**8** Disapproving sound
**9** Isle in the Bay of Naples
**10** From square one
**11** Rather outdated
**16** Bug about bills
**19** Breathe hard
**21** Diagrams
**22** Russian fighters
**23** Adriatic wind
**24** Execration
**25** Sensual Cuban dances (var.)
**26** 'Don't delete' mark
**27** Teeth, slangily
**30** CBS adaptation of British TV series "Fawlty Towers"
**31** Grass shoot
**32** Scratch the surface
**33** Panel
**34** Hardly snug
**36** Adore to excess
**37** Hurl epithets
**39** Clinic nickname
**40** ___ for victory

* For solutions, see page 144



# Perfect lullaby 68

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***liquid ship hitters***



## ACROSS

**1** Tropical American burrowing rodents
**7** Lava forerunner
**12** PC core (abbr.)
**13** Victorious cry
**15** Major nuisance
**16** Guess
**18** Dance with gestures
**19** Like astronaut's space gear
**21** Covering many subjects
**23** Photographic problem
**24** Simple house
**25** Air polluter
**27** Charged lovers, in a divorce suit
**32** Targets and ambitions
**33** Noisy fight
**34** Japanese car company
**38** Tend to again, as a squeak
**40** Bacteria killers
**43** Slowdown
**44** Ousting
**46** Service period
**47** Sit on a bicycle
**48** Christmas Eve drink
**49** Geometry class calculations
**50** Fashion show collection

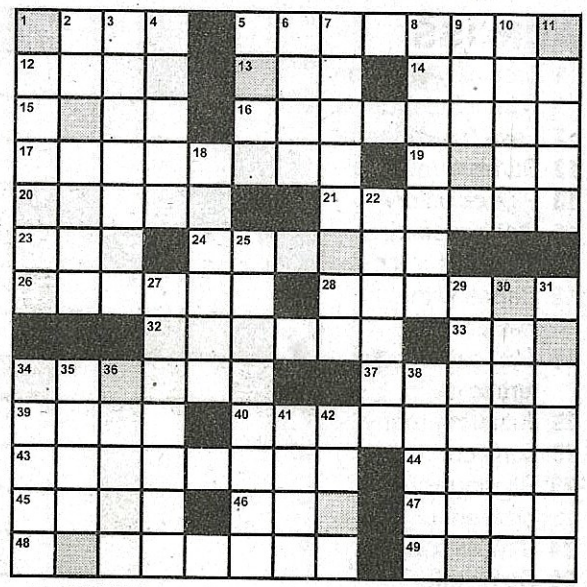
## DOWN

**1** Sardonic
**2** Nav. gadget
**3** Flow (of words)
**4** Used a stopwatch
**5** 'As ___ saying...'
**6** They never pass the bar
**8** Horticultural headache
**9** Medicinal cloth
**10** Singer Cyrus
**11** Head garlands
**14** Some brain cells
**17** In a huff
**20** Collecting a pension, for short
**22** Symbol of mass density
**25** More troublesome
**26** '___-pah-pah'
**27** 108-card game
**28** Discontinued Swedish auto
**29** Fully upright
**30** Catching in a loop
**31** Lead-in to light
**35** ___ child
**36** Exhibit rudeness, in a way
**37** Summation signifier, in math
**38** Reduces to bits
**39** Breathing pair
**41** "The Art of Love" poet
**42** Surfers monitor it
**45** Plat attachment

* For solutions, see page 144

# 69 Promised drops

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***1956 movie starring Hepburn & Lancaster***



## ACROSS

**1** Half of a fl. oz
**5** Salmon or trout
**12** Straying dev's companion?
**13** WWII theater
**14** Inter or et follower
**15** Branch location?
**16** Baiting
**17** Irregular
**19** What's behind a mask
**20** Call from a ward
**21** Stiffen
**23** Cyan finish?
**24** Looting
**26** Life's work
**28** Forever, in verse
**32** Resident of Doha
**33** Cassava lookalike
**34** Rains in a studio
**37** Marathoner's woe
**39** Relax in a hammock
**40** Detective, for one
**43** Hops on Amtrak
**44** Kid-lit's ___ the Great
**45** Excellent tennis server
**46** Comics sound of dismay
**47** Spanish calendar units
**48** Adapts to a new use
**49** Sch. yearbook section

## DOWN

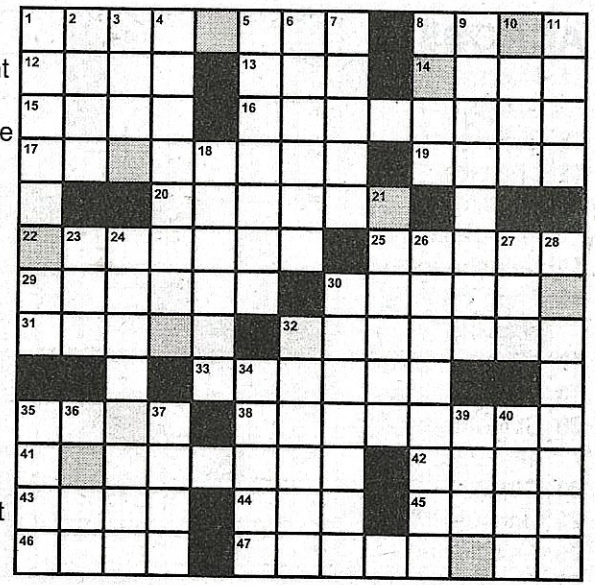
**1** Exceptionally powerful
**2** Antigua's companion
**3** Wheel turner
**4** Looks intently
**5** Grip openers?
**6** ___ undisclosed location
**7** More garrulous
**8** Lacking lipids
**9** Epic with a very big horse
**10** Starting-date preceder
**11** Acting legend Uta
**18** Check the fine print again
**22** Clownery
**25** Driven on frequently
**27** Royal attendant
**29** Low-budget Irish carrier
**30** Reunion wear
**31** Sovereign title
**34** Golf-friendly forecast
**35** Horseman's long weapon
**36** Old Mexican Indian
**38** Movement of many a sonata
**41** Suffix with confer
**42** Seeks, as permission

* For solutions, see page 145



# Dead end 70

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a fruitless course***



## ACROSS

**1** Sexually abstinent
**8** Casual top
**12** Elvis' middle name
**13** Caroling syllable
**14** '___ out?' (pet's choice)
**15** 'Hooray for the weekend' letters
**16** Enormity
**17** Source of some fertilizers
**19** Just OK
**20** Showered
**22** Tormented one
**25** Manhattan Project creation
**29** Occupant
**30** Castle wall part
**31** Theatre seat
**32** Rear of an open carriage
**33** Betrayed boredom
**35** "Fantastic Beasts" actor Miller
**38** Changes light direction
**41** Devoid of a heavy metal
**42** Explosion sound in cartoons
**43** Footnote abbreviation
**44** Lb fractions
**45** Put on freight
**46** Phoenix NBA team
**47** Of Methodist John

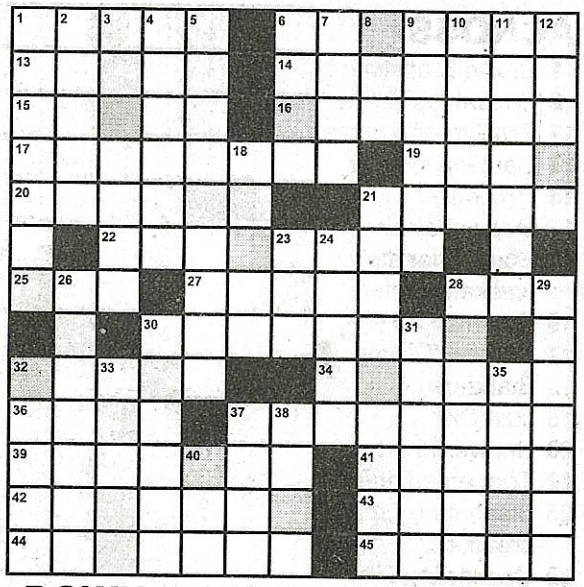
## DOWN

**1** Feline-named vessels
**2** Consequently and therefore
**3** Chop choice
**4** Devilish
**5** Non-believer
**6** Absentee from school
**7** Great Seal figure
**8** Cushion stickers
**9** Confrontational
**10** Disappointing finish
**11** Approximator's phrase
**18** In essence
**21** One who stitches
**23** Obtain
**24** In the railcar
**26** Prone to curving
**27** 'Give ___ minute'
**28** B.B. King and Buddy Guy
**30** Come clean
**32** Extract, as a splinter
**34** 'This way' indicator
**35** Connecticut Ivy Leaguers
**36** Domesticated Asian ox
**37** Supplements
**39** Potter's medium
**40** Exclamation with a flourish

* For solutions, see page 145

# 71 "Swing Time"

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***Hollywood dancing icon***



## ACROSS

1 Alcohol-infused cakes
6 Quite gentle
13 Chemical ___
14 Bonding measurement
15 Neighbor of Leo
16 Page smudge, possibly
17 Election losers
19 Created fiction?
20 Staggered off-balance
21 Gorges
22 Unusual thing
25 Arctic diver
27 Choose to participate
28 Word of apprehension
30 Thick stews
32 Carved Native American pole
34 Fingering
36 Lined up, with in
37 Truck bed protector
39 More foglike
41 Antipasto ingredient
42 Important Indy 500 vehicle
43 Diamond complements
44 Bard of Avon's calls to arms
45 Ones on the move

## DOWN

1 Southern German state
2 Quick-thinking
3 In a frenzy
4 Luanda's nation
5 Pantry, e.g.
6 Tibet explorer Hedin
7 Rowboat accessories
8 Start to wed defectively?
9 Electric autos
10 Traditional sled builders
11 Piercing cry
12 Listens to, as advice
18 Get used to new conditions
21 Karaoke event
23 Bar assoc. member
24 Delicious dish
26 Wife-related
28 Half-witted
29 Storm, as land
30 Plate metal
31 Estevez of Hollywood
32 Florida city on its own bay
33 Puccini classic
35 Perpetual denial
37 Radiant smile
38 Flubs up
40 Hospital div.

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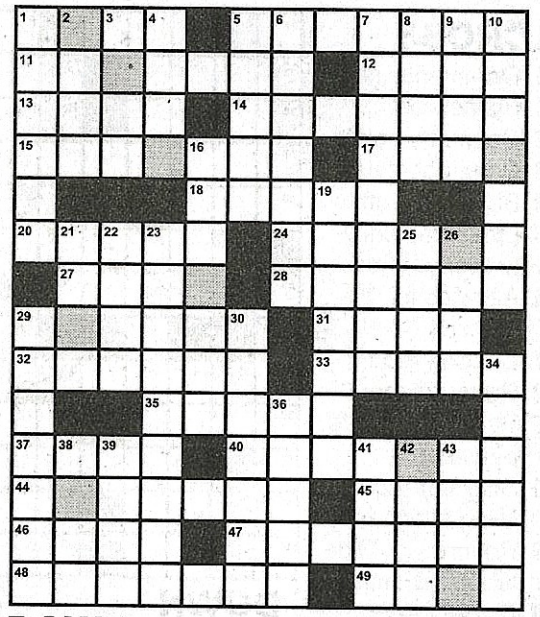
# Cordon Bleu 72

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a type of commission or panel***



## ACROSS

1 Crack up
5 Produce quickly
11 Israeli metropolis
12 Lieutenant Kojak
13 LPGA star Karrie
14 One testifying
15 Company that underwrites
17 Crop-damaging rodent
18 Stand-up comic Izzard
20 Not forbidden
24 Cricket referee
27 Braxton with seven Grammys
28 Closing passage
29 Incorporate
31 Lhasa ___ (shaggy doggy)
32 Render
33 Stock exchange memberships
35 Wedding concern
37 On the calmest side, at sea
40 Bitter
44 Bullfight, in Madrid
45 Bollywood garment
46 Moral philosopher Immanuel
47 Meaningless
48 Blended fruity drink
49 ___ express (old mail system)

## DOWN

1 'Fire ___!'
2 Partner of gone
3 Garb for the masses?
4 Prohibition (var.)
5 Surged
6 Behind schedule
7 Lincoln trademark
8 Exceedingly
9 Have the opinion
10 Front limb
16 Career-ending person
19 Going-nowhere situation
21 'How hard can ___?'
22 Italian thing
23 So that one could
25 "Casablanca" role
26 Underground support
29 Strikes
30 Wideness
34 European island of the Mafia
36 Like ghost stories
38 Planter's choice
39 Inventor Rubik
41 Let us know, on an invite
42 Scott of "See Dad Run"
43 Contemporary Persia

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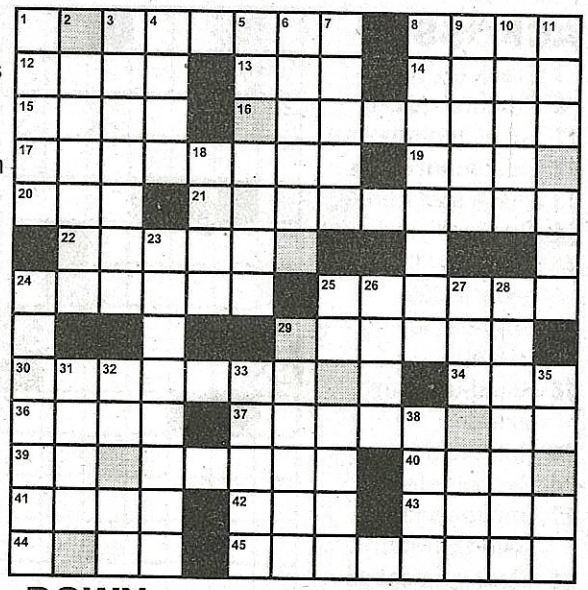
# 73 Roundwound strings

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a plucked low-pitched instrument***



## ACROSS

1 Ornamental shells
8 Biz network
12 Geometry points
13 Corp. abbreviation
14 Billing unit, often
15 Like community property
16 Allowing for amends
17 Concise report
19 Rules, shortly
20 Pharmaceuticals overseer
21 Ship's 36-Across living attachments
22 Robert ___, "The Witch" filmmaker
24 Singer Lee
25 Jewelry fasteners
29 Diving athlete
30 Begins in a specified way
34 LA Galaxy and DC United org.
36 Vessel's body
37 Variety of celery
39 Having close friendship
40 Pond annoyance
41 College VIP
42 BTW part
43 Popular skiing destination
44 Before being retitled, briefly
45 Large, brass coin of Roman Empire

## DOWN

1 Coldly distant
2 Rotter
3 Land area measurement
4 Speak like Daffy
5 Famous border waterfalls
6 Becomes a contestant
7 Look upon with disdain
8 Black-and-white medium
9 One of two for Linus Pauling
10 Gibbosity
11 Peppery salad crucifers
18 Snoozing
23 Deforming
24 Samurai sacred rules
25 Dry streambeds
26 Expected earlier
27 Analogous
28 Marine
29 Romantic author of a book about a young Werther
31 Piano worker
32 Kazakhstan's ___ Mountains
33 Hightails it
35 Bygone pharmacy fixture
38 Enthusiastic thumbs-up

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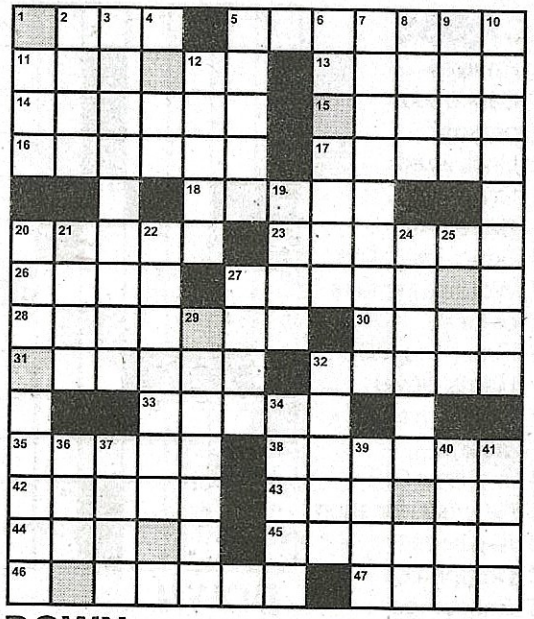
# Trimmed front yard 74

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a landscaper's machine***



## ACROSS

1 Flings
5 Washed up
11 Not long ago
13 Lyric poem written in couplets
14 Winter vehicle on treads
15 Excited shout
16 Developed a fondness for
17 Pitching great Martinez
18 Geometry staple
20 Bottle size
23 Money available to borrow
26 23-Across card issuer, briefly
27 Camp necessity
28 Diamond player
30 Sci. of the stars
31 French municipal customs of yore
32 Distributes poker cards
33 Esparza of the octagon
35 Aromatic spice
38 Light melody
42 Degrade
43 Caterwauled
44 Recording device
45 Old English king ___ Longshanks
46 Sources of books and magazines
47 Forlorn cry

## DOWN

1 In need of a map
2 ___ consequence
3 Red fluid lab analysis
4 Dismiss
5 Rid of poison
6 Jazz festival city
7 Short-lived things
8 Fridge filler
9 Cause for opening a window
10 News journalists
12 Mongol invader
19 Volunteer's declaration
20 Working penal colony
21 '98 Apple
22 Works out
24 Rejection
25 Kind of conflict, for short
27 Secluded place
29 Complainers
32 Took up the challenge
34 Cripples
36 Cabs' competitor
37 Buddy in Australia
39 Buffalo Bill's birthplace
40 Immunological fluids
41 Horse derby considerations

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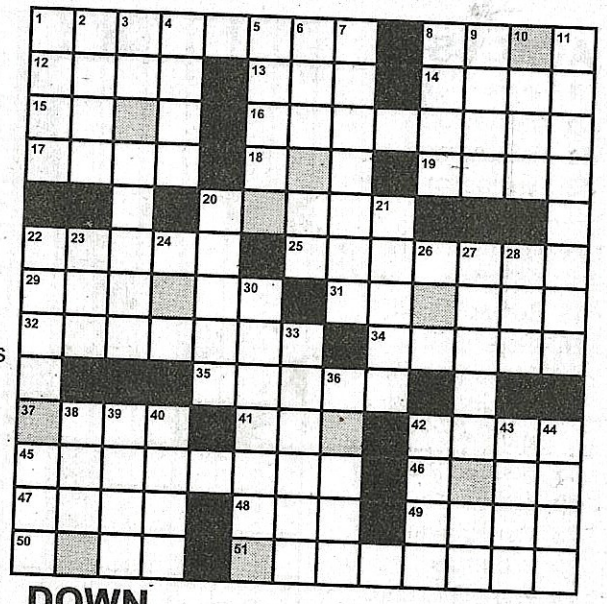
# 75 Maximum satisfaction

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a self-glorification***



## ACROSS

1 Revives
8 Backwoods person
12 Uncivilized
13 Grand ___ (wine term)
14 Educ. institution
15 Words after take or tie
16 First Miriam Coles Harris' novel
17 Alternatives to creams
18 JPEG or GIF
19 Network, for short
20 In pieces
22 Dropped off
25 Encourage
29 Honeysuckle family member
31 Brightly colored marine fish
32 Move gradually toward someone
34 Palm projection
35 Russian range
37 Biz bigwigs
41 Verb follower?
42 Aid lead-in
45 Cart's bar with bearings
46 Data, casually
47 Humongous
48 Just fine
49 Favor one leg
50 Eyeball
51 Meanings

## DOWN

1 Speak highly of oneself
2 Potential sucker
3 Put on a pedestal
4 Broadcasted fearmongering
5 Doc's order
6 President before Eisenhower
7 Leave behind
8 Artists choices
9 Noted race place
10 Pack of butts
11 Grumbled
20 Farewell, in France
21 Gang lands
22 Driving recorders, briefly
23 Judoka's belt
24 Building add-on
26 Lib-Ian link
27 Like certain sports drink
28 Lifelong ID
30 Arctic lights
33 Toyotas of the 1990s
36 Onion cousins
38 Any of the 37-Across
39 Legendary gymnast Korbut
40 Penn or Connery
42 Hot pot holder
43 'How silly ___'
44 Prunes

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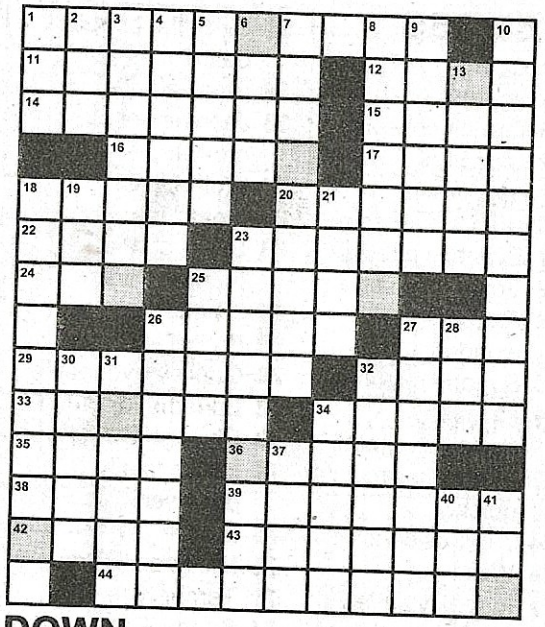
# Starchy delicacy 76

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***tasty treats great for frying***



## ACROSS

1 Having a gentle voice
11 Prying investigator
12 Silents star Negri
14 Apprehensive
15 'The heat ___!'
16 Toy track manufacturer
17 Dilute
18 Where an eagle dwells
20 Announcement upon arrival
22 Former Celtics coach Stevens
23 Made irate
24 Home in a cave
25 Experiment (with), as an idea
26 Horoscope set
27 Vietnam's ___ Dai
29 Shopper's book
32 Mafia biggie
33 (In law) nuisance remover
34 Watered, as a garden
35 Hawaiian torch
36 Floor support
38 Fateful mid-March date of old
39 Refrain bit
42 Brand of soft projectiles
43 Dogma rejecter
44 Balanced proportions

## DOWN

1 Compass letters
2 Lennon's partner
3 Scientific coding language created in the 1950s
4 Ring-shaped surface
5 Cactus feature
6 Glimpse
7 Establishing by decree
8 Hurled word
9 Hungry muncher
10 Some long-lasting supplies
13 Chateaux-lined French valley
18 Renouncing the high office
19 Before, long ago
21 Dept. bosses
23 Solving procedure
25 Baklava pastry
26 Make happy
27 Fragrant rice
28 Big simian
30 Bear with patience
31 Offer accepters
32 Anthracite carrier
34 Valentine's Day symbol
37 Acting Turner
40 Be false
41 Cooling systems, for short

* For solutions, see page 148

# 77 Experimental serum

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***1996 sci-fi comedy movie***

## ACROSS

**1** Coin ___
**5** Impression
**9** French collagist
**12** Citizen of the cinema
**16** Author Nathaniel
**17** Epileptic attacks
**18** Vowel-rich state
**19** Astronomical wonder
**20** Bygone channel
**21** Release, like a rap album
**22** One may circulate quickly
**24** 7th president
**26** Wild
**27** In reality, in law
**29** "___ Named Joe" (1943 movie)
**31** Duke's hoops org.
**34** Carte du jour
**35** Bull follower?
**38** 'Big Blue' co.
**41** Returns
**43** Giraffe-like creature
**45** Feeling of boredom
**47** High body temperature
**49** Resembling
**50** "As the World Turns" star Jason
**51** Was a jockey
**52** More than just interested
**54** Clear the cribbage board
**56** Small air rifle
**58** Jannings of old movies
**59** Wolf's wail
**62** Mean
**65** Some stay-at-home parents
**67** Vienna's country
**69** Propeller
**70** Garlic mayonnaise
**72** Ephemerid
**73** Chicago-DC dir.
**74** Leave totally confused
**76** Elapse
**78** Mil. strongholds
**79** Terrier type
**81** Spongelike
**84** Clamping device
**86** Stock of food
**89** Fragments
**93** ID in a library
**94** Son-gun insert
**95** Prime draft pick
**97** WWW inputs
**98** Twitter censorship canceler
**99** Hell
**100** Like fake fruit on display
**101** Child's amuser
**102** Gp. with common goals
**103** Abbr. used in some town names

## DOWN

**1** Norse god of thunder
**2** Pearl City island
**3** Do some laps
**4** Got up from the table
**5** Descendent
**6** Malicious software
**7** Without context, in Latin
**8** Give a response
**9** Taiwanese computer giant
**10** Auction vehicle, perhaps
**11** Auricles
**12** Invasive crawling plant
**13** Adorning
**14** Light on Broadway
**15** TV athletic award
**23** Modified musical recording
**25** Eastman's camera company
**28** Throwing a big party for
**30** Diving bird related to the loon
**31** Set a value on
**32** Freezing prefix?
**33** Peace
**36** Extract from poppies
**37** Popular garden annual
**39** Issue for a programmer
**40** Makes a wrong move
**42** Lacking effectiveness
**44** Mary of cosmetics
**46** Kid's jammies
**48** North African bovid
**53** Animal with a spiral shell
**55** Examines the depths
**57** Secondary route
**58** Night sch. subject
**60** "Carmina Burana" composer
**61** Basketballer Chamberlain
**63** Hosts, for short
**64** Media section
**66** Verb with thou
**68** Greet casually
**71** Some reptiles
**75** Religiously committed
**77** Defunct Houston football team
**80** Singer Loggins
**82** Fixed share
**83** Adolescence
**84** Penthouse suite feature
**85** Spain's Minorca or Majorca
**87** Assuming that
**88** Liable to clump
**90** Branch of math
**91** Great deal
**92** Hacking targets, in brief
**96** Emmy-winning actress Dowd

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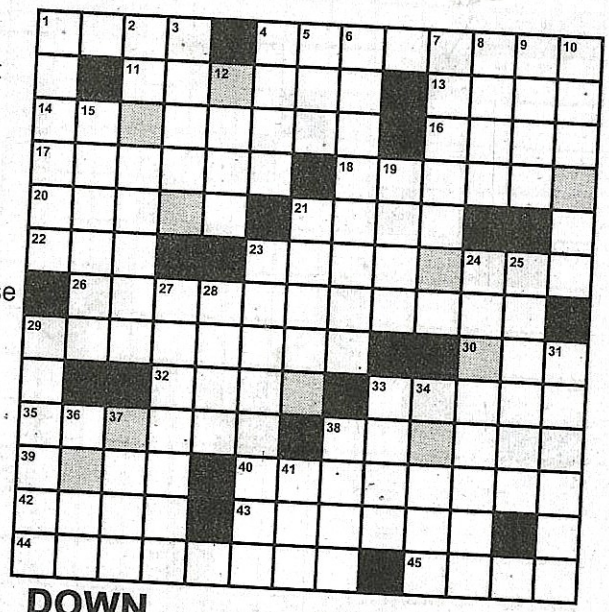
# 78 Charity gala

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***philanthropist's desirable feature***



## ACROSS

1 Detergent target
4 Concert performers
11 Indian lodges
13 Sushi roll wrap
14 Illegal shots for pro athletes
16 Poor, chance-wise
17 Chuckle
18 Deed used in legal battle
20 Skin-soothing ingredients
21 Actor O'Shea
22 Photocopier abbr.
23 Like mosquito-transmitted fever
26 Quality of being hairy
29 Got a promotion
30 Wagering option, briefly
32 Heartbreaker types
33 Brief copy?
35 Lively
38 Guard's round
39 Former toy company
40 Picnic staple
42 New issuances, for short
43 Place setting item
44 Gives over to one's care
45 Swiss org. with accelerators

## DOWN

1 Far from the main body mass
2 Art of oratory
3 Layered dessert
4 Two matching things
5 Pol. maverick
6 Pounced on
7 Happening soon
8 One-man performances
9 Quartet with a missing member
10 Marzipan-covered Easter cake
12 Departs
15 Land cultivation acts
19 Scottish kinsmen
21 Pals
23 Making boots dirty by walking on a field after the rain
24 Liquid substance in rubbermaking
25 Houston hurlers
27 Intersect again
28 Break suddenly
29 Mighty cold
31 Singer Michael
33 Rib joint offering
34 Standard
36 Insulin deliverer
37 App opener
38 ___ up (invigorates)
41 Peas keeper?

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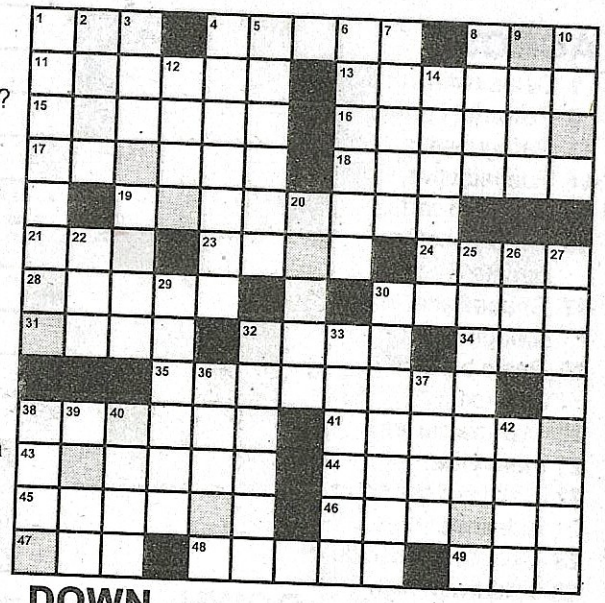
# Neural paths 79

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a logic puzzle or a riddle***



## ACROSS

1 Book divs
4 Crocodile output?
8 He ran with JFK
11 Robs
13 Capital of Turkey
15 Conscript
16 Piddling
17 Challenging bet
18 Sharp-bladed instruments
19 Weight watcher's beverage
21 Battle of ___ Jima
23 Divide violently
24 80s-90s German chancellor Helmut
28 Like some secret bank accounts
30 "Boys Don't Cry" actress Sevigny
31 Bad poker players giveaway
32 Winnie the ___
34 Cartoon Scooby
35 Evolving
38 Hubbub
41 Solution created by dissolving
43 Southern marshy lakes
44 Glossed words
45 Be that as it may
46 Classifies
47 ___ Tafari
48 Sideways
49 Do like Lindsey Vonn

## DOWN

1 Antedate
2 Demographic group, briefly
3 Dressing ingredient
4 Lab personnel
5 Mansion and surroundings
6 Musketeer's tool
7 PGA great Sam
8 Body of agua
9 Address for Rabbit or Fox
10 Cookie containers
12 'Veni, vidi, ___'
14 Almaty resident
20 Dig, maybe
22 Org. with simulated fights
25 Retro computer entertainment
26 Boo follower
27 Argentine soccer living legend
29 Apply suddenly, as brakes
30 South American nationality
32 Protestant cleric
33 Title role for a tenor
36 Put out, in a way
37 Comfortably ___
38 Trucker on a radio
39 Basalt, once
40 Sailors' yeses
42 Discourse

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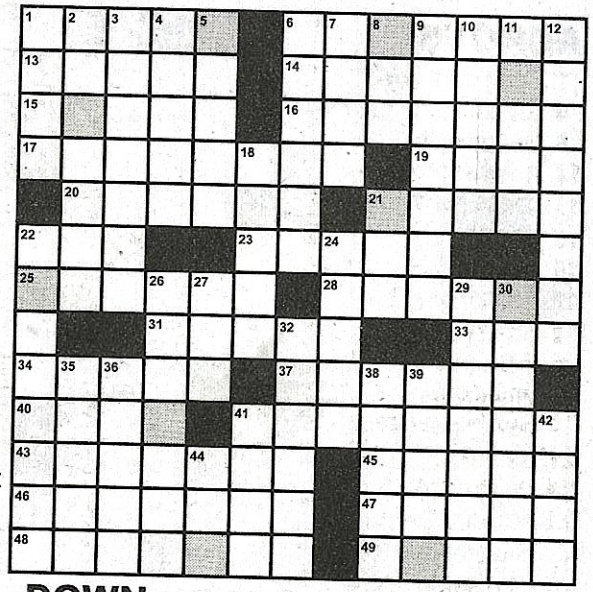
# 80 Light-as-air

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***dessert often layered with fruit or cream***



## ACROSS

**1** Deals (with)
**6** Powerful current
**13** Paraguay tea
**14** Fuel additive
**15** Tubular scarf
**16** Limitation of debate
**17** Shaped like a bagel
**19** Basic barbering request
**20** Manufacturers
**21** Heavy fliers
**22** Call from the court sidelines
**23** Certain anesthetic
**25** Filled with high spirits
**28** Bug or fly
**31** Supporter
**33** Moscow loc.
**34** Mike Caro's "Book of ___"
**37** Card dispenser
**40** Color close to turquoise
**41** Slipped up, as a croupier
**43** Go wild
**45** Wireless transmission
**46** Start eating
**47** Facebook calendar entry
**48** Lecturer
**49** Combine to form a single entity

## DOWN

**1** Dermatological abnormality
**2** Wine and honey Greek mix
**3** Fairly divided
**4** Digital tome
**5** Dogpatch denizen Hawkins
**6** Fashion anew
**7** '___ do for now'
**8** Asian noodle soup
**9** Rags
**10** Accustom (to)
**11** Day, for one
**12** Makeup
**18** Comic-book hero Judge ___
**21** Demographic cohort, for short
**22** Ballet garb
**24** Takes on help
**26** Hermes' footwear
**27** German 'rocks'
**29** 4-Down displayer
**30** Brooms and stones game
**32** Publishing VIP
**35** Provide with suitable gear
**36** Sudden forward movement
**38** Relevant
**39** Order to party crashers
**41** Particle
**42** Bag
**44** Squid's weapon

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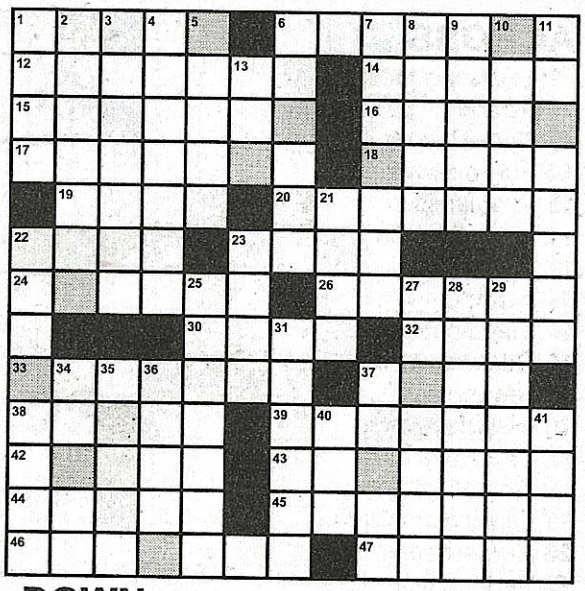
# Blushed cultivars 81

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***type of apple first recognized in Madison County***



## ACROSS

**1** Fur magnate on the Titanic
**6** Doggy drool
**12** Italian-American chess player Fabiano
**14** Garlic piece
**15** Put out
**16** Intimidated
**17** Achieve one's ambitions
**18** Butcher requests
**19** Map line
**20** Most blaring
**22** Porridge base
**23** Fermented beverage
**24** Yellowish-brown pigment
**26** Tentative proposal
**30** Colonial group
**32** Golfer's final shot, often
**33** Slyly malicious
**37** Border-crossing document
**38** Little cases
**39** Collagen's cousin
**42** Denier's words
**43** Pearly inner shell mollusks
**44** Participate in, as a contest
**45** Irish girl
**46** Second edition
**47** Word with cotta or incognita

## DOWN

**1** Bullets, in poker
**2** Japanese military retainer
**3** Underwear fabrics
**4** Reject
**5** Like hotels or movies
**6** Get ready to ride, maybe
**7** Block up
**8** Fluid of life
**9** Hunting knife
**10** Equalizes
**11** Small songbird
**13** Alumna identifier, perhaps
**21** Uncouth buffoons
**22** More repulsive
**23** ___ Health (mag)
**25** Parents, e.g.
**27** Literary letter
**28** Less dull
**29** Seller with digital shopping carts
**31** From that point onward
**34** Agreed to make reparation
**35** With all playing together, in Italy
**36** London paper (with The)
**37** Spring
**40** Dr. with seven faces
**41** 15th-century caravel

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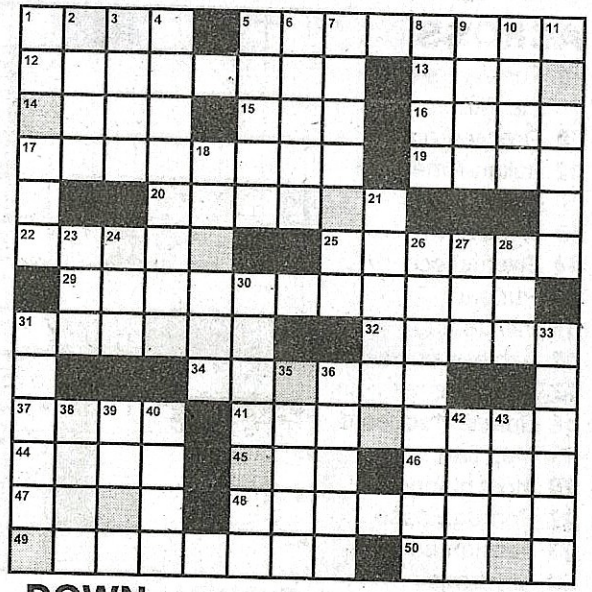
# 82 Sharp edges

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an old blacksmith's tool***



## ACROSS

1 Extremely messy person
5 Cooked in an Indian clay oven
12 Long-legged crested falcon
13 Aggressively promote
14 Tire mountings
15 Ruler amts
16 Eliminate, as a vacancy
17 Large part of Greenland, today
19 Unaccompanied
20 Surpassed in performance
22 Carly of pop
25 Gourmands
29 Map same-height points connector
31 Favored
32 Divulge
34 Sporty wheels, perhaps
37 Signs the contract
41 Painting of an ocean
44 First name in portraits
45 Chemically, Sn
46 Monumental
47 Flutters
48 Mimics
49 Company's freshmen
50 Gets an eyeful of

## DOWN

1 Legal tender substitutes
2 Not clerical
3 1967 Donald Bain book "Coffee, Tea ___?"
4 Double-reed instruments
5 Be silent, in music
6 Carrying a weapon
7 More spiteful
8 Some switch settings
9 Mixture of various things
10 Kaiser ___
11 Domed domiciles
18 Prey chaser
21 Big Texan city
23 I, in Germany
24 Pasture noise
26 Male peregrine falcons
27 Leafy Tolkien creature
28 Bygone Olds
30 Very low-rated
31 Alligator's kin
33 Girls in the family
35 Thaw out
36 Tilted positions
38 Branching point
39 Have no doubt
40 Obi, e.g.
42 '... baked in ___'
43 Diving position

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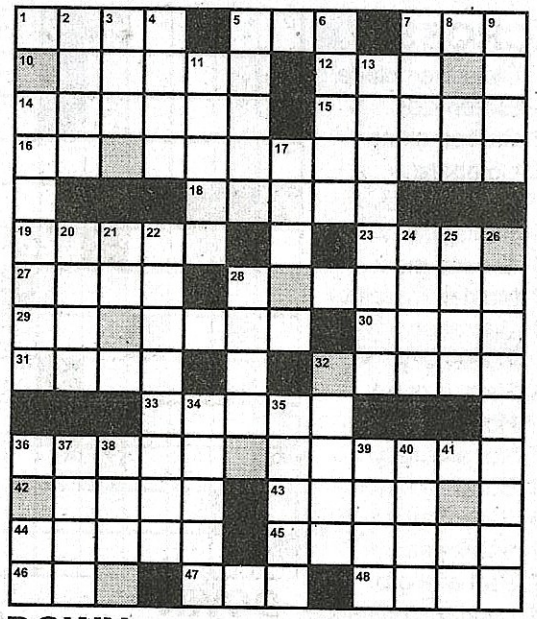
# Common goal 83

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a type of beneficial interaction***



## ACROSS

1 Chesapeake Bay swimmer
5 Airer of vintage flicks
7 Mulder's org.
10 Mottled mouser
12 Sweater fabric
14 Last portion of the Kansas' motto
15 Lovable ones
16 Henry II's religious enemy, murdered in 1170
18 Anecdote
19 Characteristic attitude
23 ___ circles
27 One with second thoughts
28 Remove feathers
29 Maddens
30 "Show Boat" author Ferber
31 Portrait, briefly
32 Computer extra
33 Road reversal
36 Presentation staple
42 Mountain rescue team equipment
43 Tiny mistake
44 Plants, as a group
45 Asian wild sheep
46 Backer
47 Abstract realist's head?
48 Mr. Hershiser

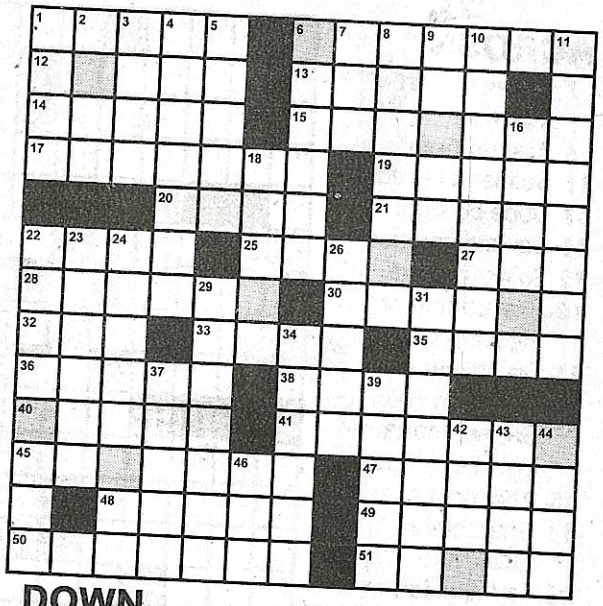
## DOWN

1 Dispersed
2 Breakfast serving
3 Boxer's bowlful
4 Word after per or carpe
5 Clink glasses
6 Software whiz
7 Dissension
8 Tiresome talker
9 Modern genre of artistic expr.
11 Blundering
13 Didn't throw away
17 Makes a fillet
20 Harmonize
21 Bat's tails in a hot water?
22 Of a Delphic prophet
24 Auto racer Ricky
25 Prefix with potent
26 Wok frying aid
28 Introduction
32 Slashed phrase
34 Austin's state
35 Exclude (from) again
36 Thump
37 School near Beverly Hills
38 Kings Of ___ (rock band)
39 Corporate symbol
40 Structural beam
41 Kind of survivor

* For solutions, see page 152

# 84 Hawaiian Magnum

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***portrayer of one of Monica Geller's love interests***



## ACROSS

1 Cloistered place
6 Extremities
12 Carried along
13 Companion of Artemis
14 Seniors, say
15 Still the most
17 Master, in Latin
19 Decrease in intensity
20 Petty around Hollywood
21 Not as ruddy
22 Bonding agent
25 Serengeti antelopes
27 Part of a grp
28 Ladder crosspiece
30 Language of Kathmandu
32 Org. that lends to countries
33 Some coolers
35 Banded variety of quartz
36 Mast crossbeam
38 Neuter, as a stud
40 Freetown currency unit
41 Go through again
45 Checkpoint requests, briefly
47 Sign in the stands
48 Deceitful person
49 Accept formally
50 E-mails anew
51 Shed tools

## DOWN

1 Alphabet opener
2 Cord worn as a necktie
3 Novelist Stoker
4 Stored fodder
5 Basic question type
6 Alarm sound
7 Chronology component
8 Degenerate
9 Hooded African biter
10 Dream guy
11 Stir together
16 Like a cold stare
18 Prompted
22 More repulsive
23 Put up with
24 (Of a priest) strips of authority
26 Not solidified
29 Famous Rome's archbasilica
31 Olla ___, Spanish stew
34 One spelling of sponsorships
37 Hardly well-thought-out
39 Composer Franz
42 In a frenzied state
43 Imbibe to excess
44 Hgwy accident respondents
46 Movie rental, for short

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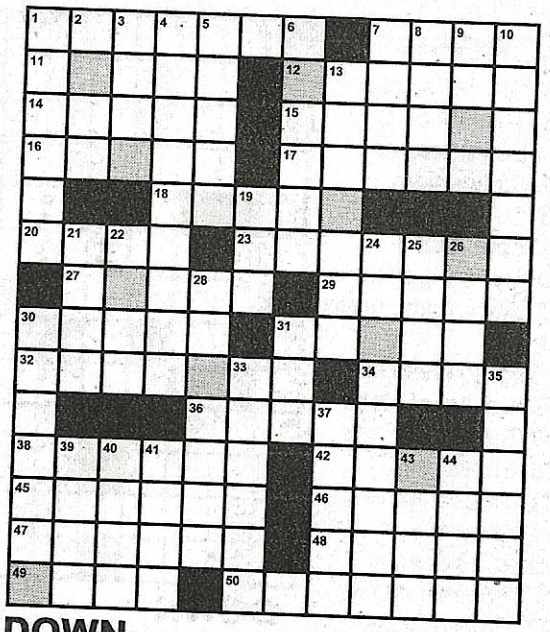
# Syrup sippers 85

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***avian nectar connoisseurs***



## ACROSS

1 Rapper's ending gesture
7 Elite university
11 Scarlett of fiction
12 Done by sight
14 Boy attendants
15 Thin sheet
16 Explanatory Latin phrase
17 Gives a lift to
18 Thai appetizer
20 Garment for a Hogwarts student
23 Offence forgiver
27 Underlying
29 Island know for immigration, once
30 Calendar model, perhaps
31 Martin's partner in carmaking
32 They may be grim
34 '___ trap!'
36 Magnetism
38 Stays somewhere else
42 London Tube station ___ Court
45 Choose with consideration
46 Major messes
47 Intertwine
48 Minority ethnic group in Rwanda
49 Pierce with a blade
50 Pair unsuitably

## DOWN

1 More sulky
2 'If ___ my druthers...'
3 Acting Nicolas
4 Puts on fancy clothes
5 Wearer of dreads
6 Medieval infantry weapon
7 Arizona tribe
8 Descended
9 Footpath
10 Pencil tops
13 Flower outer whorls
19 Sleuth, briefly
21 Drama honor
22 Eric of "The Finest Hours"
24 Final offer
25 Position
26 One, in Berlin
28 Sources of emetine
30 Speaks highly of
31 Free-bird link
33 Recurring beat
35 Kiwi's neighbor
37 Breaks in scores
39 Off
40 Word with mater
41 Hall of Fame coach Ewbank
43 Hayworth of film
44 Fearing that

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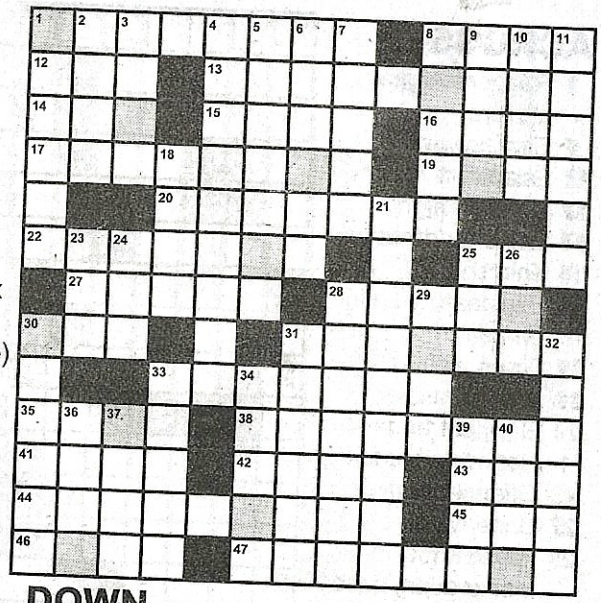
# Shake it

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a restaurant table duo***



## ACROSS

**1** Gin-like spirit
**8** Thick-bodied European fish
**12** Bigeye tuna
**13** Game with no opponent
**14** Rapper ___ Kim
**15** Juice name prefix
**16** Lip ___ (drag show staple)
**17** Capital of Malta
**19** Small job
**20** Erstwhile
**22** Thread spinner of myth
**25** 2013 Joaquin Phoenix movie
**27** Diet stricture
**28** Lacking self-confidence
**30** Harrisburg campus sch.
**31** Colorful board
**33** Rectangular Roman patios
**35** Transported
**38** Ascended
**41** State of irritation
**42** Former Israeli leader Golda
**43** Sailor's assent
**44** Setting up tents
**45** Lead-in to plunk or plop
**46** Briefly treat with high heat
**47** Allergy victims

## DOWN

**1** Plant of the mint family
**2** Planted pet
**3** Smaller cousin of a mountain
**4** Directed upward
**5** Sign of the future
**6** River through Nebraska
**7** Peninsula in north-east Egypt
**8** Beehive division
**9** 'Howdy!'
**10** Big tea vessels
**11** Tennis star Boris
**18** Do nothing
**21** Personalized newsletter tool
**23** ICU pros
**24** Broke poker player's letters
**25** Arrived at
**26** Summer hours in Phila.
**28** Energy drink ingredient
**29** Bigger butte
**30** Derby prizes
**31** Deliver, as elevator music
**32** Tribal leaders
**33** Fragrant extract
**34** Hindquarters
**36** Bancroft of films
**37** Printing measure
**39** Gather, as leaves
**40** Scrutinizer

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# Wrestle maniac

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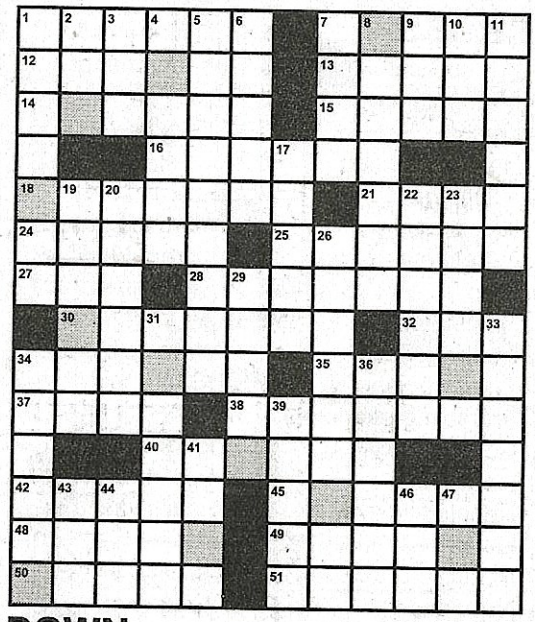
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***WWE champ turned Hollywood star***



## ACROSS

**1** Sunny-side ups cookware
**7** Increase by
**12** Salad fruit
**13** Surrenders
**14** Island of Arthurian legend
**15** Coastal wader
**16** Flings
**18** Snobby belief
**21** Ryan Adams "If ___ Stranger"
**24** Amusement park attractions
**25** Like the stars
**27** Former Brit. record giant
**28** Fiddles (with)
**30** South American republic
**32** Brain speed test results, briefly
**34** Apple pulp
**35** Increase, as production
**37** Entry-level office position, for short
**38** Eurasian animals with antlers
**40** Revolve
**42** '___ it looks good'
**45** Stringy
**48** Paints unskillfully
**49** Mournful, in Marseilles
**50** Shoelace thingy
**51** Distinct area

## DOWN

**1** Stand of shelves
**2** Federal URL ender
**3** ABC series since the 70s
**4** Chef's asset
**5** Relating to minute particles
**6** Taboo things
**7** New follower?
**8** Archaeologists' workplace
**9** Den device (abbr.)
**10** Gym shirt
**11** Bonelike
**17** Taste quality
**19** Uncertain states
**20** Common phrases
**22** Show up
**23** Costume ball
**26** Trunk item
**29** Forestall
**31** Baltimore Basilica architect Benjamin
**33** Aerosol
**34** Buddhist shrine
**36** Perfect
**39** Conical dryers
**41** Expel, as a leader
**43** Pester
**44** Acting Brynner
**46** Guinness Book suffix
**47** Intl. commerce group

* For solutions, see page 154

# 88 Friends' friend

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a four-time Golden Globe nominee***

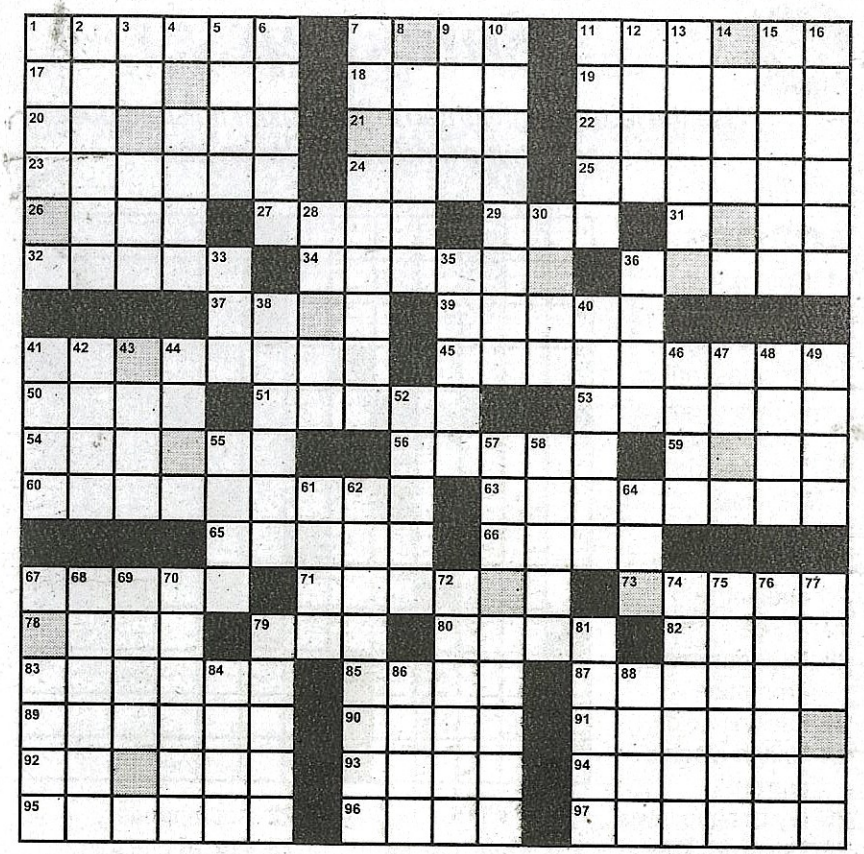
## ACROSS

**1** ___ cocktail
**7** Digital displays, briefly
**11** Honolulu Airport exchange
**17** Illinois city known for test-marketing
**18** Halo
**19** Cantina order
**20** Fictional Twist
**21** Turnstile reject
**22** Promoting peace
**23** Connection to a satellite
**24** Napoleonic exile locale
**25** Pantry
**26** Ness and co.
**27** Area of land
**29** Connected with
**31** Fork spike
**32** Bog flora
**34** Heavily favored
**36** Is allowed to, quaintly
**37** Spiced Indian beverage
**39** Novelist Segal
**41** Carrots' orange growing parts
**45** Ginger
**50** ___ Azul, Mexico
**51** Actress Christina of "Monster"
**53** Mistakes in print
**54** Google Earth, e.g.
**56** Old enough to vote
**59** Emit an eerie light
**60** Rubbery matter
**63** Roping in
**65** Walk noisily
**66** Not just a hike
**67** US composer of marches
**71** Congregated
**73** Achieve greatness
**78** Duncan of the Obama Cabinet
**79** CBS forensic series
**80** Angers
**82** Mexican dwelling
**83** Of leaf's vascular tissue
**85** "Fist City" singer Loretta
**87** Atelier occupant, probably
**89** Matador's opponent
**90** Tiny amount or a Greek vowel
**91** Distress greatly
**92** Email address, often
**93** No, in St. Petersburg
**94** Launch, as a new product
**95** Car controls
**96** 2000 presidential hopeful
**97** French dog

## DOWN

**1** Teapot features
**2** Request for rescue
**3** Muddied the waters
**4** Music's Berlin
**5** Outward expression
**6** Tundra cover-up
**7** DVD precursor
**8** Picked out carefully
**9** Trample
**10** ___ Hill, historic home of Theodore Roosevelt
**11** How some hats are worn
**12** Croft of video games
**13** Mafia's code of silence
**14** Submit
**15** Outlanders
**16** Cloak and dagger
**28** Flexible-snouted mammal
**30** Camelot lady
**33** Green, in a sense
**35** Typeface detail
**36** "Silkwood" co-star
**38** Extreme aversion
**40** Burger topper, sometimes
**41** Not too exciting
**42** 'She's quite ___!'
**43** One-time larva





**44** Gavel sounds
**46** Mythological ship
**47** Famed surrealist
**48** English prince's school
**49** Animated TV deputy
**52** Specialized mil. body
**55** Wonder Woman's best friend
**57** Occurring in turn repeatedly
**58** Duelist's word
**61** Baby buggy pushers
**62** Sending cute cat pictures, perhaps
**64** DreamWorks founders' inits
**67** Stockpile
**68** Parental warning words
**69** Joined together
**70** Half of a Spanish union
**72** Rocky material formed around geysers
**74** Book page size
**75** With aerodynamic shell
**76** Verbally assault, maybe
**77** Nursery toy
**79** Clumps of dirt
**81** Became attentive
**84** Fleshy cover for a seed
**86** Move up and down rapidly
**88** House in need of repairs

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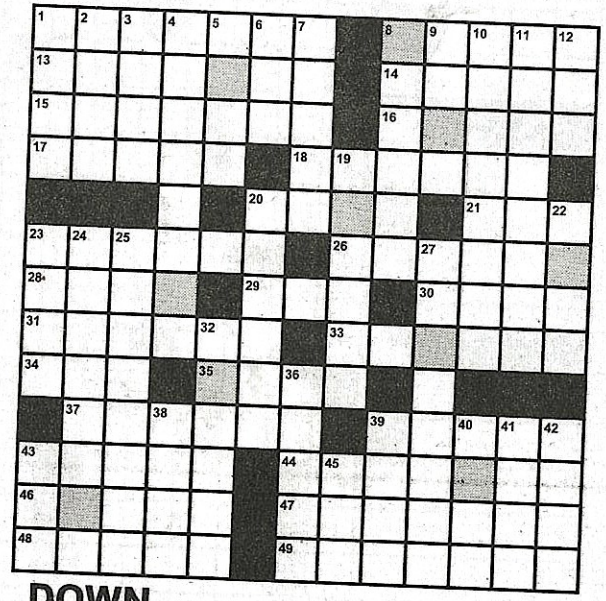
# Sales rep

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a kind of employee perk***



## ACROSS

1 Contrary
8 Keyboard combination
13 Of catastrophic nature
14 Aficionado
15 Two-person bicycles
16 Occult signs
17 Parking meter openings
18 Agree
20 Exaggerated promotion
21 Lacking color
23 Unit of electric current
26 Ivy League town
28 Unknown Doe
29 Verb of frugality
30 Racehorse
31 Counterpart of cathodal
33 Tiers
34 Certain ISP
35 Toon frames
37 Incumbency
39 Opium plant
43 ___ four (teacake)
44 Common online quote
46 Male mallard
47 Big name in cowboy hats
48 Narrow gradually
49 Shrubby minty expectorants

## DOWN

1 They may be endowed
2 ___ purpose
3 Wine
4 Lined up
5 Some antlered animals
6 Abacus calculation
7 Exam part, sometimes
8 Hanging site
9 Frequent GPS destination
10 Dated
11 Airport offering
12 ICU personnel
19 Hucksters deliveries
20 Cobbler, at times
22 Apprehends
23 Where one can be stuck in
24 Potted leafy beast
25 Eavesdropping device, in London
27 Upper barn storages
32 Relatively sharp
36 Walker's line
38 Victory goddess
39 Penn. Avenue resident
40 ___ doble (dance)
41 Object on stage
42 Compulsions
43 SF summer hours
45 Odd ending?

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# "Morning Rome!"

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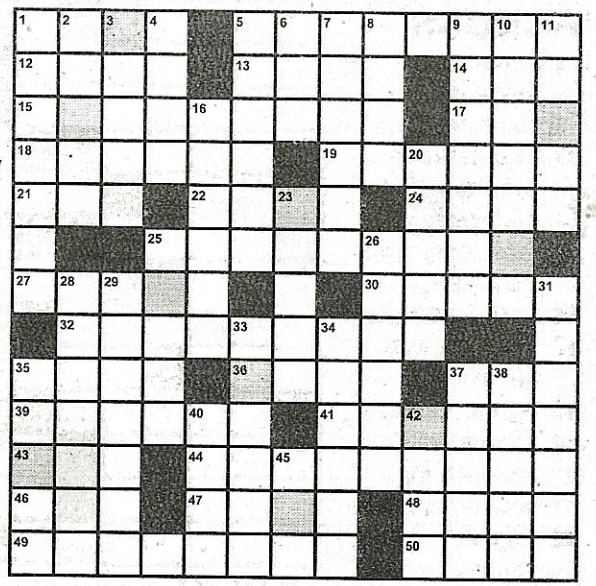
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a basic Italian phrase***



## ACROSS

1 Seattle Storms league
5 Hopi carved dolls
12 Complain violently
13 Wouldn't hurt ___
14 One way to sell meds, briefly
15 Increased
17 Eponymous 2001 pop album
18 Uses ordinary language
19 Take down the aisle again
21 Articulated
22 Chessboard row
24 Shopping center
25 Completing
27 Archfiend
30 Not docked
32 Maze
35 Month for many Geminis
36 Disney snowman
37 Powerful naval arm end?
39 Lay on much too thick
41 Rutabaga's cousin
43 ___ for nemesis
44 Lack of proportion
46 Vienna is its cap.
47 King of beasts
48 Doesn't go anywhere
49 Most compact
50 Cops, slangily

## DOWN

1 Enfolded
2 Pleasant Island, formerly
3 Intolerant type
4 Contributions for the poor
5 Sunflower Stater
6 Fore's counterpart
7 Store salespeople
8 Fictional Mr.
9 Anti-casual dress code directive
10 Out there
11 Famous Antarctic explorer
16 Strangely
20 Anvil user
23 Nothing, in legal phrases
25 Dietary need
26 Amount earned by a street artist
28 Wind-deposited fine soil
29 Hudgens of "High School Musical"
31 Pattern in prosody
33 Dorm companion
34 Floating in water
35 Doctor Salk
37 "Tomorrow" singer
38 Authoritative orders
40 Herb in a pickle
42 Diaper problem
45 Red Sox, on scoreboards

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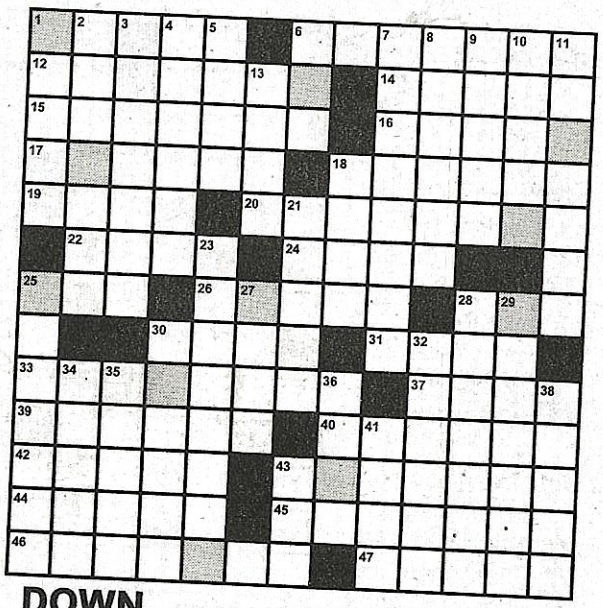
# 91 High altitude

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an airplane's cabin important parameter***



## ACROSS

1 Make sense, to a detective
6 Unprofessional
12 Libyan port
14 Soul reflected in a bird
15 Site of the 1945 conference
16 TNT ingredient
17 Most quick-to-learn
18 Exhaled sadly
19 Muddy
20 Location for a summer house
22 Slipped
24 Cook's protector
25 Bluffer's pair?
26 Line to the audience
28 Road shape, sometimes
30 Fringe group
31 Norse character
33 Certain type of beachgoing
37 ___ next door
39 Designated
40 Musically slow
42 Big name in siding
43 Marvel superhero
44 Die, as a light
45 Change color into a red-brownish, as a metal part
46 Raw bar order
47 Dart propeller

## DOWN

1 Face-valued
2 Decline
3 Simple songs
4 Talk into buying more
5 Spacecraft compartments
6 Actor Belushi
7 Coffee holder
8 Dragon slayer, in old legends
9 Collectible art print, in brief
10 Arab chief
11 Ornamental plots of ground
13 Workout target
18 Announced
21 Throws out
23 Honor recipient
25 Far from recently
27 Glided
28 Contradictory characters
29 Arrange in succession
30 Excise
32 Lake Victoria locale
34 Metallurgist's creation
35 Snacks in shells
36 German political theorist
38 Asocial person
41 'Act now!'
43 Apple letters

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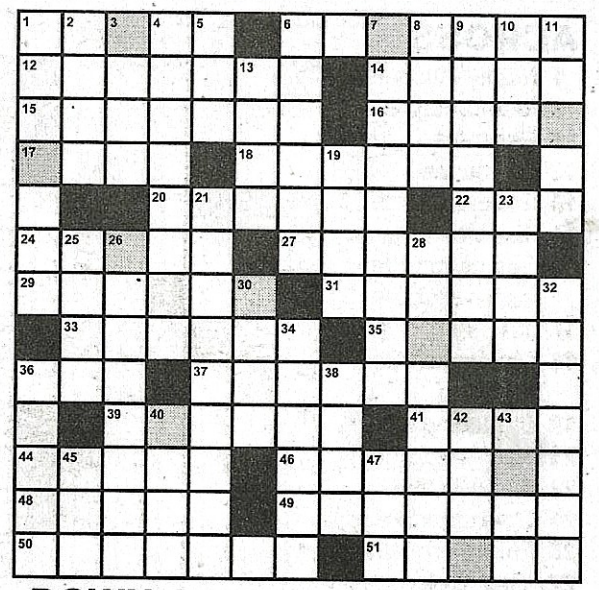
# "Job done" 92

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a type of physical ending point***



## ACROSS

1 Military code words for A
6 Most corrosion-resistant metal
12 Ottoman bigwigs
14 Foot parts
15 Oarsman
16 Emulate Crosby
17 Blue-and-yellow megastore
18 German border city with a spa
20 39-Across for the dining table
22 ___-high
24 Fashion sense
27 Liberal, unkindly
29 Snow transport
31 Garden neatener
33 Fraud
35 Nicholas Gage novel
36 Chassis
37 Pilot
39 White sale buys
41 Summertime swarmer
44 British Royal Navy guns
46 Synchronized dancer on a stage
48 'Riveting' poster icon
49 Bubbler
50 Refrain
51 Congregational responses

## DOWN

1 Hockey stat
2 Lady at a casino
3 Chimney conduit
4 An ocean
5 NaCl, in Spain
6 Jerusalem's country
7 Wanderlust
8 Chance it
9 1960s-70s detective series
10 Camp show org.
11 Like fresh breath
13 First-quarter moon tide
19 Astronaut team
21 Greece/Turkey separator
23 Diligent
25 International shoe company
26 Like sultanas
28 Text ancestor
30 Kind of mind
32 Violent protesters
34 Newlyweds car attachment
36 Port in SE Iraq
38 1975 Wimbledon winner
40 Still a contender
42 Late hours, informally
43 Bard's soon
45 Get from A ___ (advance logically)
47 Bug-feature linkup

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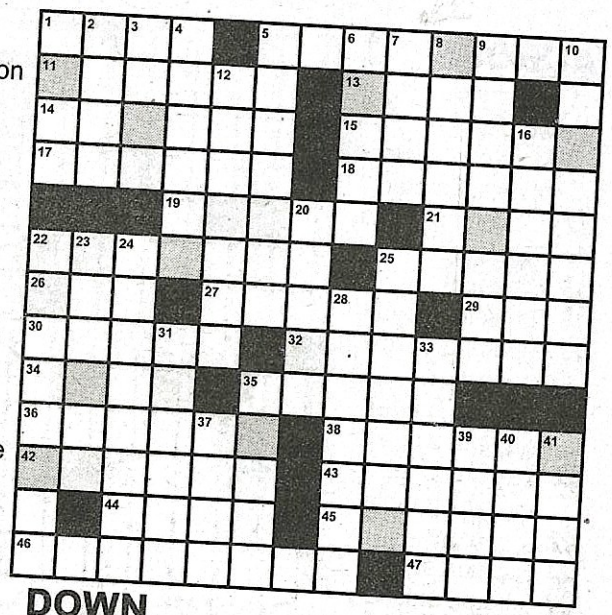
# 93 Tropical energy

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a highly nutritious liquid***



## ACROSS

**1** Really thin person
**5** Rise up again
**11** Electrical resistance
**13** Poker ante
**14** Tied like a lasso
**15** Sea seen from Corfu
**17** Jabbered
**18** Christmas tree dropping
**19** Stretching
**21** Has no alternative
**22** Sugar in milk
**25** Gold standard?
**26** Future embryos
**27** "Star Trek" bridge officer
**29** Team's best pitcher
**30** Baron Cohen's movie Kazakh
**32** Fixes, as a pump
**34** Avian emblem of grace
**35** Some campus returnees
**36** Toyota truck
**38** Ringed by
**42** Secret groom
**43** Contemptuous old term of address
**44** Wallace of Reader's Digest
**45** Priority system
**46** Hides a sword
**47** Sunflower stalk

## DOWN

**1** Broadway theatre award
**2** It may stop a runaway
**3** Reassuring reply
**4** Engineering ring
**5** Visibly blushing
**6** Handling brilliantly
**7** Card dealer's box
**8** Business with projections
**9** Childbirth anesthetic
**10** Some kitchen sets
**12** Be excited about nerdy stuff
**16** ___-Lorraine (French territory)
**20** Introduction to science?
**22** Maine courses?
**23** Statement of affirmation
**24** Horseback turning maneuver
**25** Himalayan region
**28** Meals
**31** Vision defect
**33** Egyptian god, father of Horus
**35** Actress ___ Jessica Parker
**37** Get slushy
**39** Mild expletive
**40** Exhibiting good judgment
**41** Ones against us

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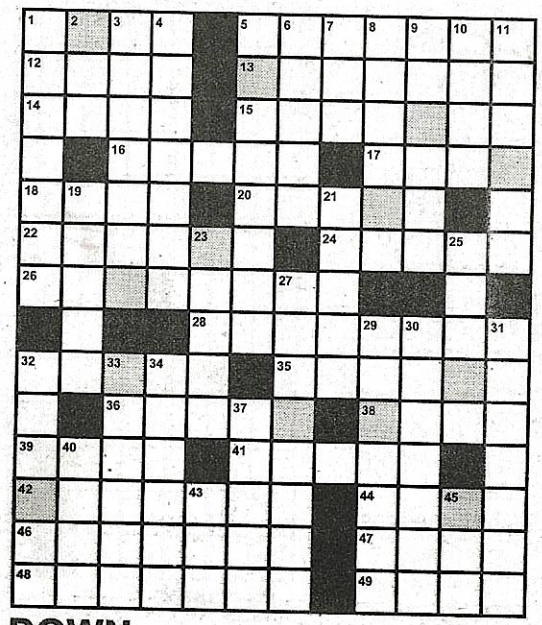
# Perfect recipes 94

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a businesswoman and a TV personality***



## ACROSS

**1** Bureau employee
**5** Drinking vessels
**12** Dark ring front?
**13** Cleaner additive
**14** '___ that strange?'
**15** Not strict
**16** Procrastinator's promise
**17** Certain punch
**18** Irish rocker and philanthropist
**20** Slangy assents
**22** Physical basis of human memory
**24** Put down
**26** Most perilous
**28** Skateboarder's protection
**32** Caterpillar features
**35** ___ Barty, WTA no. 1 player who retired in 2022
**36** Extend
**38** Shows, as programs
**39** Where two guys walk into, in jokes
**41** Outmoded
**42** Reader aloud
**44** Busy with
**46** Proved innocent
**47** Country singer McCoy
**48** Having no hearing organs, perhaps
**49** Actor Hackman

## DOWN

**1** More superficial
**2** Criminal patterns, briefly
**3** Canopies
**4** Grid
**5** Ones keeping records
**6** "Ratatouille" rat
**7** Diplomatic rep.
**8** "The Zahir" writer Paulo
**9** Disorder
**10** Parisian cabaret legend Edith
**11** Cured, in a way
**19** Standing by
**21** Entrance fees, of a sort
**23** Pulitzer poet Conrad
**25** Quilt filler
**27** Underwater hospital areas?
**29** Conducting in stages
**30** Heir, in legal terminology
**31** Heartbeat part
**32** Insufficient
**33** Shipping inquiry
**34** Like drone photo
**37** Olympians' blades
**40** Fleck of music
**43** Quattro preceder
**45** Absorb the sun

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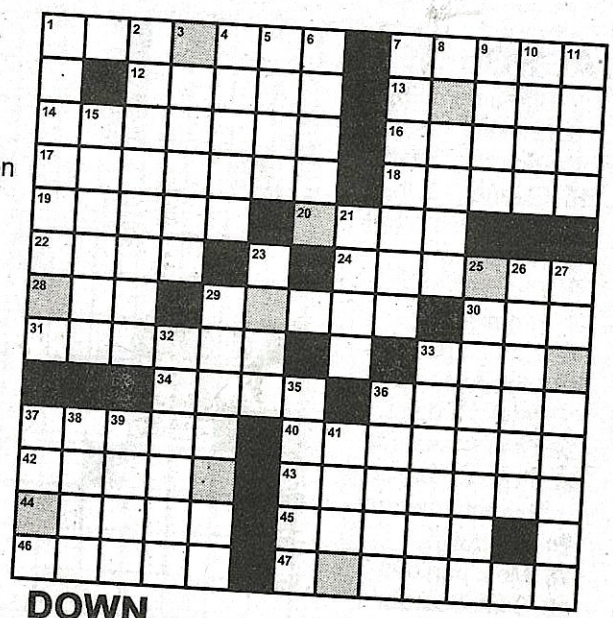
# Famous cans

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***an icon of pop art born in Pittsburgh***



## ACROSS

**1** Clam, e.g.
**7** Storm sounds
**12** Near the hip
**13** Poetic conclusion
**14** Powerful ape
**16** Assemblage of people
**17** Less sharp
**18** Urban areas
**19** Annoys
**20** Dingy
**22** City rds
**24** Sunflower-like daisies
**28** Grab the most votes, say
**29** Desert landscape features
**30** Kind of bran
**31** In recent days
**33** Contented pet's sound
**34** One may require stitches
**36** Sonneteer John
**37** Waving national emblems
**40** Fruits compared to apples
**42** Abrupt unsteady movement
**43** Delivery company clients
**44** Just as planned
**45** Runs off with
**46** Dangerous swarm
**47** Warned

## DOWN

**1** Large noisy fight
**2** Actively poisonous
**3** Runway shapes
**4** Sings cheerily
**5** Stream's locale, in poetry
**6** Virtual greeting
**7** Transportation for four-leggers
**8** Dress regally
**9** Declare solemnly
**10** Exemplar of craziness
**11** Drinks slowly
**15** Actress de Havilland
**21** Big name in IRAs
**23** Puts down, as the foundation
**25** Last-born
**26** Moneymaker
**27** Accentuated
**29** Is discordant
**32** Breakfast food container
**33** Ruminate
**35** Plantain lily
**36** German word of gratitude
**37** Feature of a good communication
**38** Early Soviet space probe
**39** Bridges between electrodes
**41** Genuine Brazilian money

* *For solutions, see page 158*



# Dark force

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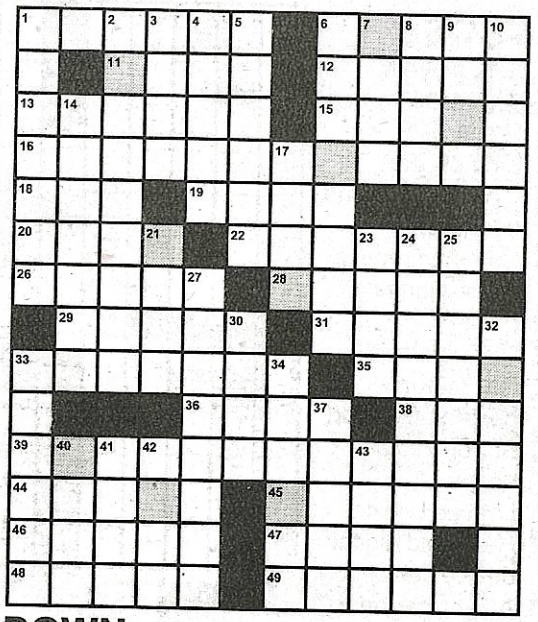
*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a sinister supernatural creature***



## ACROSS

**1** Superficial cut
**6** Portions (out)
**11** Awful-tasting
**12** Abridge
**13** Alcohol-based solvent
**15** Risky poker bet
**16** Shiny barbell disks
**18** Cassis aperitif
**19** January forecast
**20** Avian red meat source
**22** In a romantic mood
**26** Dutch pottery city
**28** Univ. employees
**29** Move shoots, say
**31** Polyphonic piece
**33** Rice-growing sites
**35** Department with a scale
**36** Alternatives to Wranglers
**38** Bird's beak
**39** Way of expressing what's habitual, in English grammar
**44** Assume without proof
**45** Most insipid
**46** Place to exchange rings
**47** Boulevard liners, often
**48** Unpleasant
**49** Justification for an action

## DOWN

**1** Kissed soundly
**2** Judge's response
**3** Latin music legend Puente
**4** Dollars, in slang
**5** 19th century mystic Blavatsky
**6** Darkling beetle larva
**7** "Queen of Jazz" Fitzgerald
**8** Throw out of balance
**9** Falco of "Horace and Pete"
**10** Biological quintet
**14** Foolish fancy
**17** Ostentation
**21** Calif. law force
**23** Land measure
**24** Frequency
**25** No good at all
**27** Cosmetic
**30** Many a freshman
**32** Like Sherpas
**33** Baseball expert Doug
**34** Puzzle creator
**37** Done to death
**40** Dramatic part
**41** First-year Spanish verb
**42** Famous twins birthplace
**43** 1815 Austen novel

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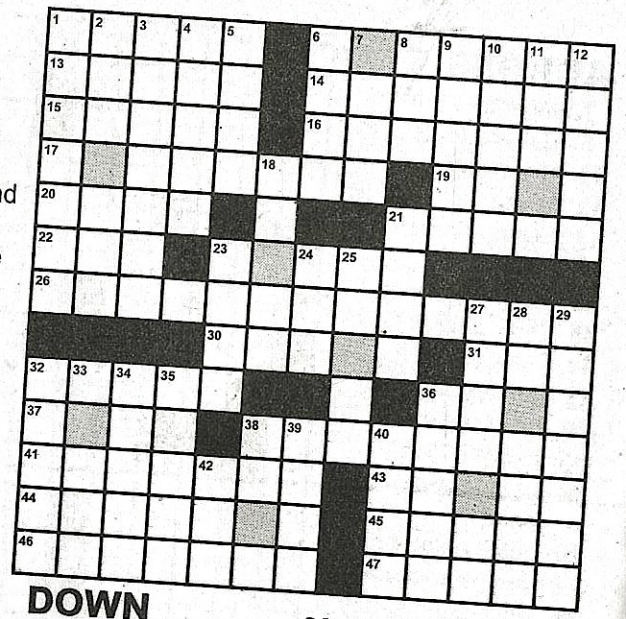
# 97 Simulated reality

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***movie known for the "bullet time" visual effect***



## ACROSS

**1** NHL players, informally
**6** Practicality
**13** Kind of chart
**14** Indonesian island near Java
**15** Commemorative stone marker
**16** Exciter
**17** Distracted
**19** Racketeer busters, for short
**20** Astronomical spans
**21** Leaves behind
**22** Handheld digital device, initially
**23** Artist's garment
**26** Proclaimed on one's own
**30** Inexpensive
**31** Skeleton head?
**32** Pinned attire
**36** Citi Field's baseball team
**37** Have ___ of good luck
**38** Australian state
**41** Mosque tower
**43** Gasket named for its shape
**44** In the separating space (archaic)
**45** Nonnuclear family member
**46** Gives in (to)
**47** Foods with fillings

## DOWN

**1** Shoe parts
**2** Negative terminal
**3** Like an Arlington flame
**4** Unhealthy chest sounds
**5** Lots
**6** Military letters
**7** Area to defend
**8** I think, in cyberspeak
**9** Horse ___
**10** Self-identifying response
**11** Stuck, in a way
**12** Adventure stories
**18** Gusto
**21** Vinyl problem
**23** Animal pouches
**24** Not shut, in poetry
**25** Glowing embers
**27** More wee
**28** Dead and gone
**29** Amounts to take
**32** Dance of Rio
**33** Early April zodiac sign
**34** Small piglets
**35** Deeply impressed
**36** Newswoman Shriver
**38** Printed words
**39** One at law, briefly
**40** N. Dakota and Idaho neighbor
**42** ___ Tin Tin (TV pooch)

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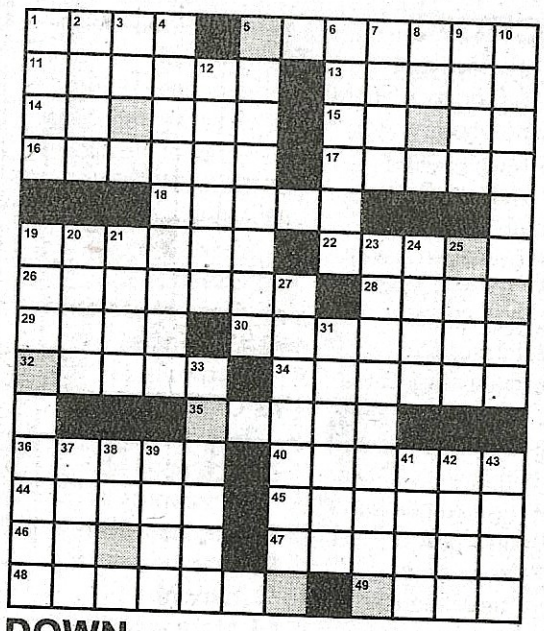
# Turned to stone 98

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a legendary petrificator***



## ACROSS

**1** Proceed cautiously
**5** Electrical unit
**11** Desert of Africa
**13** Food processor setting
**14** Chemical variation
**15** Sprayed in the face
**16** Declines the offer
**17** Sends packing
**18** Excursions
**19** Many New Zealanders
**22** Tot's three-wheeler
**26** Filthy things
**28** Spark of inspiration
**29** Pull back (in)
**30** Wound up
**32** Dance for two
**34** Marx's co-author
**35** Potato-processing gizmo
**36** Evans or Blair
**40** Some mental archetypes, for Carl Jung
**44** Clarifying phrase
**45** Video game players' drawings
**46** Doodad
**47** Mrs. Gandhi
**48** Early embryonic blood supplier
**49** Bridge player

## DOWN

**1** Mythical fertility goddess
**2** Rocket org.
**3** Bat___, noodle soup from La Paz
**4** Crippled
**5** Drinks noisily
**6** Closest to the top
**7** Cookout with ukulele music
**8** Dungeons & Dragons beasts
**9** Comply with
**10** Sleep-supporting frames
**12** Impressionist Pierre
**19** Passing of life
**20** Confines
**21** Chief Norse deity
**23** US border river
**24** Knock about
**25** ___ over (faint)
**27** Particular
**31** Kind of band or show
**33** Sumatran apes
**37** 'As I see it' online
**38** Diamond of songs
**39** Dungeonlike
**41** The earth viewed as an organism
**42** Hockey's Bobby and family
**43** NBA figure

* For solutions, see page 159

# 99 Timeless luxury

*Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out* ***a marketing slogan coined in 1947***

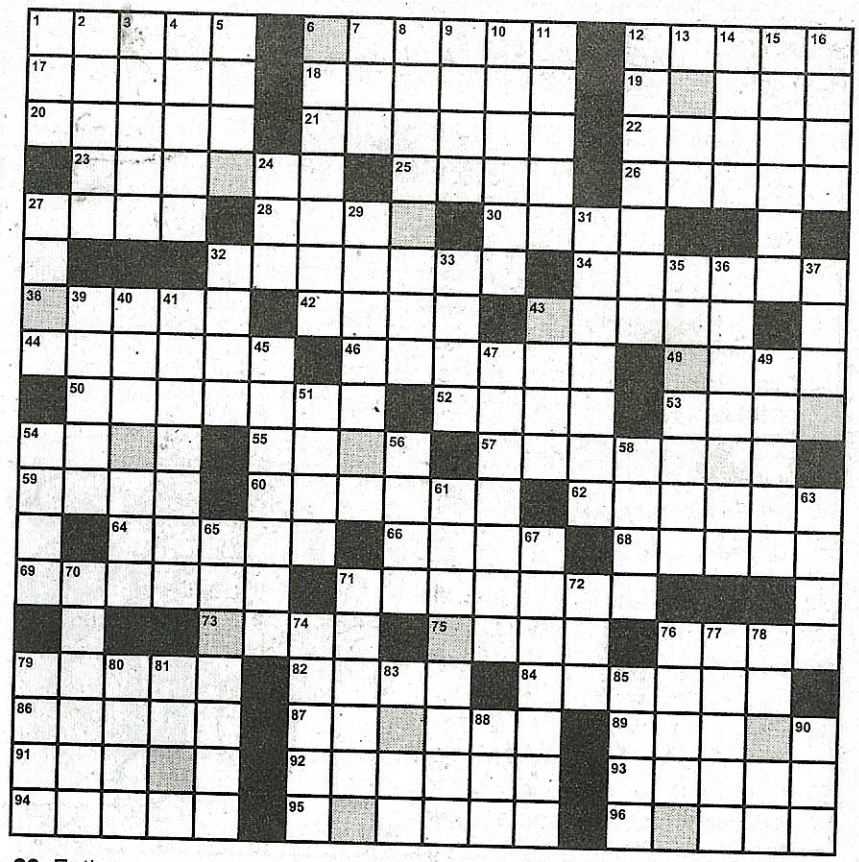
## ACROSS

**1** Jersey type
**6** Attendance sheet notation
**12** Music holders
**17** Actress Berry of "Cloud Atlas"
**18** Sneak, in a way
**19** "Skyfall" singer
**20** Get steamy
**21** Fire up
**22** Chemistry class dropper
**23** Overzealous sort
**25** Impressive style
**26** Appliances hung on walls
**27** Nowitzki of the Mavericks
**28** Rombauer of cookbook fame
**30** The fix ___
**32** Spread out
**34** Choral platforms
**38** Amplifier
**42** Do garden work
**43** Gives consent for
**44** Tote, slangily
**46** Causes havoc
**48** March Madness initials
**50** Chaotic
**52** Picasso contemporary
**53** Grunge
**54** Flowery rings
**55** Price paid
**57** Medicinal inhalant
**59** Italian white wine
**60** Chain of connected things
**62** Aural secretion
**64** Crooner Neville
**66** Supporting role
**68** Many a casino visitor
**69** Streamlet
**71** Piece of esoterica
**73** Like some farewells
**75** Org. concerned with plants
**76** Shampoo ad buzzword
**79** Neo portrayer
**82** Entranceway for a miner
**84** Make gaseous
**86** Bag attachment, for short
**87** Stinky prickly fruit
**89** Animal with webbed paws
**91** Appliance with burners
**92** Readily recognized
**93** Nostradamus and others
**94** Targets of ointments
**95** Back out of an agreement
**96** Lubitsch of old cinema

## DOWN

**1** 30 to 300 MHz range
**2** Osaka born in Osaka
**3** "The Severn Suite" composer
**4** Blockhead
**5** Legionnaire's hat
**6** Humbled oneself
**7** Coal box
**8** Scatterer
**9** Common abbr.
**10** Words in a painful gym motto
**11** Period of rapid growth
**12** Nice name for a Greek water flea
**13** Clipped admission
**14** 30-day mo.
**15** Talented
**16** Calibrates
**24** Snowboarding jump
**27** Creek blockers
**29** Hollywood legend or life jacket
**31** Vexatious
**32** Concoction in a cauldron
**33** Wax-coated cheese
**35** Artistic swimming, briefly
**36** Third-party deposits
**37** Whole lot





**39** Fatigue symptoms
**40** Islamic evil spirit
**41** Delightful
**43** Cajun vegetable with pods
**45** Shrill woodwind instrument
**47** Large, noisy insects
**49** Radiant emanations
**51** Speckled, say
**54** Vaudeville actor Bert
**56** Mascara ruiner, sometimes
**58** ___ Beach, Fla.
**61** Tobacco element
**63** Airport security procedure
**65** Havens
**67** Intensify, as an image
**70** No longer does
**71** Harmony
**72** Home of the Burj Khalifa, initially
**74** The lowest point in drain
**76** Vampire, at times
**77** Over and over
**78** Color changers
**79** Warm greeting
**80** Decor attachment
**81** Central part of a church
**83** Certain golf club
**85** American Beauty, for one
**88** Corp. bailed out in 2008
**90** Alphabetic sequence

* For solutions, see page 160

# The World's Best Crosswords... With A Twist!

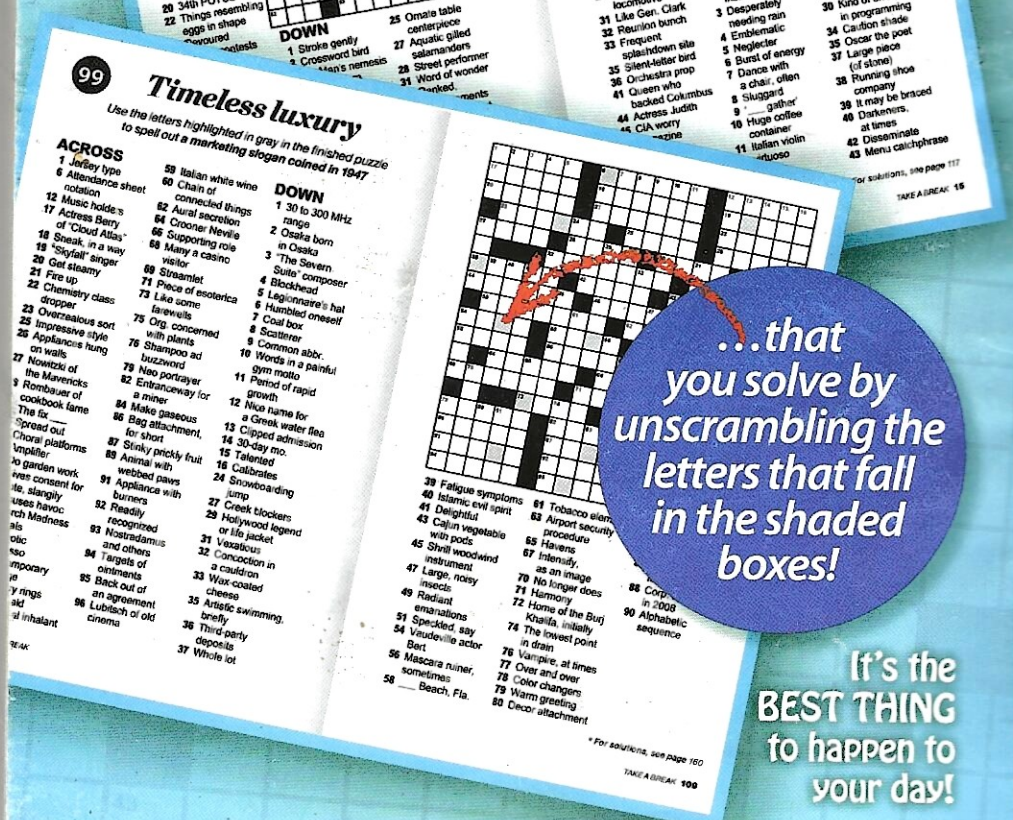
Each puzzle begins with a riddle...

12 **Chateaubriand**

Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out an expensive cut

13 **Guest speaker**

Use the letters highlighted in gray in the finished puzzle to spell out a type of fee



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